

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF
SOUTH WALPOLE, MA

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Methodists to Observe 100th Anniversary
1830-1930

Original So. Walpole Meeting House Built in 1830 Still Standing.

During the week, beginning Sunday, October 5, the South Walpole Methodist Episcopal Church will observe Rally Day, and the 100th anniversary of the building of the first Meeting House, which is still standing, at the rear of the H.A. Whiting residence.

This Meeting House was erected in 1830, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Francis Dane, on land which was generously donated by Silas Smith, the site of the present parsonage. The work of the building commenced. Father John Smith gave the standing timber, At an appointed ~~the~~ day the gentlemen gathered for the work. The first tree was cut by Francis Dane and Silas Smith, and before night, a sufficient amount of timber was provided for their house of worship. In this way, the exterior was completed speedily, and the finishing of the House committed to Bro. Allen and Son of Mansfield. In due time the House was completed, pews sold to cover all expenses, and dedicated to the worship of God by Rev. Lewis Bates."

At first, various members volunteered their services, gratuitously to care for the building, but after a time, the work was turned over to the lowest bidder. On April 12, 1841, the following action was taken: "Voted to let out the care of the Meeting House, including care of fire and lamps, providing wood and oil, sweeping the House once in two weeks, and washing thoroughly during the first or second week in June, be let out to the lowest bidder, and was bid off by Joseph E. Pond for \$6.00."

In those days, the organization was known as the Walpole and Foxborough Methodist Society, and many interesting items may be read in the old records.

The pastor in 1833, received in all, as salary \$140.13, for his year's labor. Small as this sum was, however, he found it more than enough for his expenses, house rent included, and he had a family of five.

The great revival occurred early in 1834, and as a result, the church membership was more than doubled. During one of the services, a drunken man instigated by others, tried to raise a disturbance.

A strict regard for plainness of dress characterized this society, in common with our denomination, in its earlier history. On one occasion, a member ~~attracted~~ the fatal bows to her bonnet, and on that account attached was denied admittance to the love-feast. She ~~substituted~~ substituted her pocket-handkerchief for her bonnet, however, and thus gained admittance.

Under date of April 2, 1839, the Quarterly Conference adopted the following resolution:-- its

"Whereas Methodism in ~~the~~ its origin was identified with the most deadly opposition to slavery,

And whereas, our Discipline has classed slavery holding among other moralities,

And whereas, our venerable founder openly denounced the spirit and practice of slavery as sin, therefore,

Resolved, That a large portion of the Methodist Church, in con-

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niving at the sin of slave-holding, has been guilty of a base dereliction of duty, and a manifest innovation, upon primitive Methodism.

Resolved. It becomes our duty as Christians, and especially as Wesleyan Methodists, to labor by all moral means, for the extermination of this crying evil.

Resolved. In the opinion of this Quarterly Meeting Conference, the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, is contrary to the Discipline of our Church."

The Meeting House was used for sixteen years, until the new church was built in 1846. Later, it was moved a short distance, to its present location, and in 1857, the parsonage was erected on the former site. The doors, which are the original ones, of the old Meeting House, are of great interest, as the upper panels of each door form a perfect cross, an example of old-time architecture.

In the years that have followed, the present church building has been renovated and repaired several times, and in 1915, the Community House was built. On May 1, 1876, the clock was installed. There were two hundred subscribers for this improvement, only one of whom is now living, Mr. Charles B. Richards of Walpole. The pipe-organ was purchased in 1921. In 1919, the 100th anniversary of the organization of the church was observed, with an appropriate celebration.

In the long history of the church, fifty-seven pastors have served the community, faithfully, and well. Of these, one has been elected to the Episcopacy--Bishop L. J. Birney of China.

Rev. William P. Koonsen assumed the pastorate of this church last April. Since then, new cement steps have been erected across the front of the church, and minor repairs made, at the parsonage. Through the generosity of one of the trustees, the pipe-organ has recently been repaired and tuned.

The present trustees are Harold O. Young, Harry A. Whiting, Reuben J. Whitcomb, E.J. Boyden, W.S. Mann and C.P. Shufelt.

the end.

(copied from the article appearing in the Walpole Times of Oct. 3, 1930. in the Walpole Historical Society.)

FIRST EDIFICE CREATED IN 1830 BY METHODISTS

During the week, beginning tomorrow, the South Walpole Methodist Episcopal Church will observe Rally Day, and the 100th anniversary of the first church edifice, which is still standing at the rear of the residence of Harry A. Whiting.

Methodism was introduced into South Walpole by Rev. Benjamin Haines in 1818. Meetings were conducted in the private residence of Eliphlet Smith. In 1819 a Methodist class was formed by Rev. Isaac Jennison of Mansfield. In 1822 a church was organized.

The first meeting house was erected in 1830 under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Francis Dane on the site of the present parsonage, "generously donated by Silas Smith." Fr. John Smith gave the standing timber and at an appointed day the men gathered and Francis Dane and Silas Smith cut the first tree. Before night, sufficient timber was provided for their house of worship. The pastor received in 1833 a salary of \$140.13, which he found sufficient for his family of five, including house rent.

The second and present church building was erected in 1846, under the pastorage of Rev. D. L. Winslow, and was dedicated by Rev. Charles Adams, D. D. at the cost of \$3700. The board of trustees then included Josiah Hall, Silas Smith, Caleb S. Ellis, Reuben Clapp, J. Boyden, A. Ellis and M. Smith.

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In the years that have followed the present church building has been renovated and repaired several times. In 1915 the Community House was built. On May 1, 1876, the clock was installed in the steeple.

There have been 57 pastors in the church. Rev. William F. Koonsen assumed the pastorate last April. The present board of trustees includes Harold O. Young, Harry A. Whiting, Reuben J. Whitcomb, Elwin J. Boyden, Walter S. Mann and Clinton S. Shufelt.

The program for Rally Day and the 100th anniversary opens on Sunday morning when there will be special music. The Sunday school classes will take part in the service and scholars will be promoted. At 7 p.m. the service will be in charge of the missionary society. The Queen Esthers and Home Guards will sing. Mrs. C. S. Lovell of Watertown, conference president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will deliver the address.

On Monday evening there will be a social time in the community house to which all young people are invited.

Tuesday evening at 7:30 a prayer service will be conducted in the old meeting house in the rear of Harry A. Whiting's residence on Water

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street, erected in 1830.

Wednesday evening at 6:30 a free parish supper in the community house for all adult members of the parish. After supper a program follows, including music, historical sketch of the church, and an address by Rev. G. C. Shedd, a former pastor.

On Thursday evening at 7:30 the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls will present a program open to the public under the direction of Raymond Ravenscroft, Miss Ruth Brown and Mrs. Marion A. Ross.

Friday evening there will be a social rally in the community house for all scholars of the Sunday School with teachers and officers.

The Ladies Union will conduct their monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Reuben J. Whitcomb, Mrs. Birnie E. Webb, Mrs. Wallace E. Tiffany, Mrs. B. M. Kerr, Mrs. J. H. Guy, and Mrs. W. Henry Morrison will act as hostesses and serve on the supper committee for the evening.

Sunday, Oct. 12 will be Joash Day, based on the bible account of the money raising. Dr. E. A. Elliott, superintendent of the Boston District, will deliver the sermon, and there will be a program of special music. There will be a Joash chest at this service and the people are asked to bring in a special offering for the church repair fund to be placed in the chest during the service. In the evening, there will be a rally service by the Epworth League at 6 p.m. and a temperance rally at 7 p.m. with a special program and speaker.

Music for the week will be in charge of Mrs. W. F. Koonsen, with Mrs. F. C. Sylvester and Robert Sanford, violinists, and Mrs. B. E. Webb, organist.

History of the Methodist-Episcopal Church of Walpole, Mass.

"A Backward Glance

(Read at the Parsonage House Warming)

In March 1924, the Walpole Methodist Episcopal Church completed its first half-century of existence. Considering 50 years an important mile-stone, we thought to pause and look back over the way travelled, seeking for help in present need. We could find no Official Records. These earnest, pioneer, people had been so absorbed in promoting Christ and the Church, some other things had been neglected.

However a few dates are known and some traditions and memories are at hand. Shall we then glance over the years, leaving our impressions open for criticism and correction, from those who have more definite knowledge. Even in these days of rapid transit nothing is as quick as thought. Think, at once, of Walpole in 1873, with no Methodist Church. About one half-dozen families, trained in Methodism in other towns, find each other settled in Walpole, and say:--"Let's hold some Methodist prayer-meetings, in our homes". These meetings were so spiritual and so well attended, after a short time, the leaders appealed to the pastor of the South Walpole M.E. Church, to assist them in starting a Society of Methodists.

In March 1874, this Society was formally organized and named--Walpole Methodist-Episcopal Church. We are told that there were ten "first members" of this Church, but only nine can be named, three of these (women) known only by their husband's names--as follows:--

Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel B. Winslow

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Diggs

Mr. & Mrs. Uriah Herbert

✓ Colby Bartlett

Samuel Raymond

Mary Barnard

5-men, 4 women.

For about two months the only religious services held by this new Church, were, weekly prayer and Class meetings, led by Colby Bartlett, held in homes of members, on Thursday evenings. In April 1874, The New England Conference appointed Rev. Alfred Noon pastor of South Walpole M.E. Church. A committee from our new Church, called upon Mr. Noon, and, prevailed upon him to preach to them once each Sunday, in addition to his work in South Walpole. A meeting-place was secured--the all part of the old Hoop-skirt Factory, on Main Street, now (1905) the Mahoney Mattress facotory, At the close of one year, the attendance has so increased, that more seating space was required. The main part of the same old Factory was hired and renamed-Methodist Hall. Then, April 1875, a pastor of their own was pronounced a necessity.

Rev. John H. Vincent, a student in Boston School of Theology supplied this demand. Right here let us mention that students from the above mentioned school, have been pastors of this Church down all its 50-years. Not much is known of them, individually, but we do know them as a group of active, faithful, Christian men, earnestly doing their best for Christ and the Church. Methodist Hall seemed a large audience-room, at first, yet in a very short time it was "comfortably filled," not only at Sunday preaching-services, but, also at Thursday evening prayer and Class meetings. During the first year of this 1st pastor (in January 1876) a "Ladies' Sewing Society" was organized; its aim being "To aid the Church in all possible ways; especially in financial matters. Its first officers were -President, Mrs. Nathaniel B. Winslow; vice-President-Mrs. Aaron Hutchinson; Treasurer, Mrs. Horace A. Spear. No Secre-

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tary was elected, which may account for the scarcity of records. Perhaps one person served as both Treasurer and Secretary; we find that to have been their custom ten years later. No list of names, no number of members, are recorded. The name "Ladies Sewing Society" was held for ten years, changing in 1886, to "Ladies Aid Society". This having become the authorized title of all similar societies connected with Methodist Churches. Social life developed with the work of this Society. The Church grew in membership and the attendance upon its meetings steadily increased. In 1881, we hear of Methodist Hall being "crowded, to its doors," frequently. Also of the Class meeting having an average attendance of 18. Methodist Hall became difficult to heat, in winter. These conditions caused great desire for a Church Building. In May 1881, a Committee was appointed "to find out how much money can be raised toward building a Chapel." Also, "to find a suitable location for the same". A year and a half later, December 1882, a lot was purchased, located just west of the Town Hall, since used as Stone Street entrance. In March 1885, work on the cellar had begun, when the "Center School-house", on the site now occupied by the Methodist Church-Building, burned to the ground. An opportunity to exchange the lot on Main Street for the lot where the School-house had stood, was eagerly accepted, as the cellar and foundation had not been destroyed by fire, and nearly all of it could be used, without change, for the new building. Work began immediately and progressed rapidly. Altho not entirely finished, services were held in this Church-building in December, 1885. A debt of \$2,000.00 had been incurred. However, one year later, December 4th 1886, the Church was formally dedicated, practically free of debt, the whole \$2,000.00 having been pledged. Two years later, all these pledges had been paid. There-upon all activities increased; spiritual, social, material. The Vestry was finished. A new cabinet-organ purchased. Electric lights, installed. The present seats were bought and placed. All this representing persistent energetic work. Near the close of the 19th Century attendance reached a height which seems to have continued for several years. Sunday morning services the seats well filled; evening services often crowded. At Sunday School Concerts, all seats in the small room, also filled. Such Concerts, at this Church have always been successful. In July 1905 a memorial window was placed in the rear wall back of the pulpit, giving by G.W. Bartlett, in honor of his father, Colby Bartlett one of the first members. This beautiful window was a great improvement to the auditorium.

Our history now reaches the place where it almost ceases to be history and becomes current events. Most of us remember the building of the Pastor's study in 1916 and the fitting up of the kitchen in the vestry. (The pastor's study was built in the tower of the church) When not in use as the pastor's study that room is now used as a Sunday School class room and boy's club room. In 1922 shingling and painting were done, improving the outward appearance of the building. To improve the inside as well, the walls were completely redecorated, new lighting fixtures ~~replaced the old ones~~ were installed, and a new furnace replaced the old one. These events, with the ever-changing round of pastors brings us to our own year 1924, and the beginning of a new half century. In this year two of the longest felt needs of the Church have been realized-- that of a parsonage and a pipe organ. Both these purchases were made within a single month. We feel that we have started courageously upon this new era of our Church history, with a faith that must accomplish our ideals. We welcome you to the parsonage and extend to you an invitation to come often. We add to that a hearty invitation to come to the Church to see, and most important to hear, our new organ. finis

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,



Washington Street, South Walpole, Est. 1846

for George Milliken

Revolutionary War Soldiers Buried in
Terrace Hill Cemetery, South Walpole

- 1-Lt. William Bacon
- 2-Jacob Boyden
- 3-Jabez Boyden
- 4-Jeremiah Boyden
- 5-Jonathan Boyden
- 6-Joshua Boyden
- 7-Phinehas Boyden
- 8-Nathaniel Bradshaw
- 9-Jonathan Carroll
- 10-Sergt. Joseph Carroll, Jr.
- 11-Eliphalet Clap
- 12-Eliphaz Clap
- 13-Joseph Ellis

- 14-Corp. Abaether Fales
- 15-Moses Fales

- 16-Josiah Hall
- 17-William Hall
- 18-Benjamin Mann
- 19-Jabez Mann
- 20-Corp. Joseph Mann
- 21-Theodore Mann
- 22-Capt. Timothy Mann

- 23-Ass Page
- 24-Charles Page
- 25-Corp. Joseph Page
- 26-Libess Page
- 27-Thomas Page
- 28-Ass Plimpton
- 29-Elijah Plimpton

- 30-Ass Smith
- 31-Capt. Jeremiah Smith
- 32-Jeremiah Smith, Jr.
- 33-James Smith
- 34-John Smith
- 35-Capt. John Smith, Jr.
- 36-Oliver Smith

Civil War Soldiers buried in
Terrace Hill Cemetery--1925 List

- 1-James S. Gilmore d. Feb. 26, 1863
in hospital
- 2-Rev. Alfred C. Godfrey
- 3-Rev. W. R. Goldsmith NOT METH. CH. MEMBER
- 4-Dr. J. Wesley Boyden " " "
- 5-James O. Boyden METH. CH. MEMBER
- 6-Elbridge P. Boyden " "
- 7-C. Edward Leland
- 8-Joseph O. Stearns
- 9-Lewis Hall
- 10-Ansel L. Willis
- 11-Charles A. Gay
- 12-John E. Ogden
- 13-H. Smith
- 14-Leonidas Hall
- 15-Charles Smith
- 16-John Smith

Note--Gilbert W.W. Bent--physician, born in Southampton, son of Gilbert R. and Mary C. (Grant) Bent, aged 28, married Miss Mary Rebecca Stetson, aged daughter of Aaron E. & Sarah A. (Hayden) Stetson. Dr. Bent and his wife were both residents of Walpole. They were married Rev. G. R. Bent, minister of the Gospel in Walpole on Oct. 6, 1895.

Dr. Bent died October 7, 1896 aged 28, and 10 months. He is buried in the Stets lot in Rural Cemetery, Walpole. F.R.L.

When the Civil War broke out 34 members and adherents of the Methodist Church of South Walpole volunteered for service. For World War II, 69 men and one woman are listed on our Honor Roll, 51 of them connected with our Church. Two of that number have made the supreme sacrifice. --South Walpole, Methodist Church History.

During the 1834 revival in the Methodist Church, two young men were converted and later entered the Methodist ministry--They were Luman Boyden and Willard Smith--both are buried in Terrace Hill.

James S. Gilmore, Civil War Soldier, 44th Regiment--died in hospital on Feb. 26, 1863.

1865

South Walpole Methodist Church

34-members in Civil War -- A Patriotic Record.

John Smith

Albert Fairbanks

N. H. F. Richardson

Frank Fairbanks

Henry Rice

*Elbridge F. Morse

*John Wiggins

Charles Smith

Albert Mowry (Marine)

Ansel Willis

Lewis Hall

Elbridge P. Boyden

Charles D. Bacon

*James Gillmon

Newton Bacon

Luman Gillmore

Lewis Morse

George Eaton

George Dorothy

James O. Boyden

Henry A. Fales

Francis L. Boyden

Franklin W. Luce

Albert Battersby

Frederick Plympton

Julius Boyden

Charles Pond

Alexander McDonald

Silas Nickerson

? Nickerson

* Died in Service

South Walpole Methodist Church
Marriages 1837-1843
(notes from an old book)

By Rev. F. Dane -- 1837-38 year ending June 6, 1838

- 1--Mr. George White to Miss Deroxa Smith Jan. (Jun?) 21, 1838
-both of Walpole.
- 2--Mr. Lewis Sumner to Miss Kesiah Dudley Dec. 3, 1837.
-both of Walpole.
- 3--Mr. Martinicus Roderick of Wrentham to Miss Millie Smith of Walpole
-April 15, 1838.

By Rev. S. W. Woods -- during year ending June 3, 1842.

- 4--Mr. Seth R. Aldrich of Uxbridge and Miss Lydia B. Alden of Walpole
-Oct. 17, 1841.
- 5--Mr. Josiah H. Tubbs and Mrs. Margaret Hogen, both of Walpole
-Oct. 31, 1841.

By Rev. Philip Crandon -- during year ending June 1843.

- 6--Mr. Jeremiah Boyden to Miss Laura P. Ellis, both of Walpole
-Nov. 24, 1842.
- 7--Mr. Isaac Alden of Walpole and Miss G. Brewster of Berwick, Maine
-July 25, 1842
- 8--Mr. William Jackson of Lynn and Miss Jane E. Garigan of Walpole
-Jan. 1, 1843.

South Walpole Methodist Church Nov.15,1847

Donors to Complete Vestry in New Church

(Lists like this provide names of individuals in the area at that time

Albert Ellis	James R. Fuller
Bainbridge Mowry	John Mann
Metcalf Smith	Otis Boyden
Jerimiah Boyden	Simeon Burr
Caleb S. Ellis	Aaron Ellis
Warren Smith	James Ellis
William Hodges	John Smith
Josiah Hall	Joseph L. Stearns
Phiness Boyden	Albert C. Gay
Silas Smith	John O. Adams
Jason Boyden	Ezra Miller
Truman Clarke	James Gifford
Ruben Clapp	Tiffany Bishop
Charles Hawkins	
Rufice White	

copied as recorded
suspect.

Rufice is Rufus
Tiffany is Tiffany
Ruben is Reuben

1878

PLAN OF PEWS & RENTAL CHARGES & OCCUPANCY

* FURNACE VALUE (WITH FURNITURE)

SOUTH WALPOLE METHODIST CHURCH

NOTE: NUMBER OF PEWS WAS LATER REDUCED, AT LEAST ONCE, BY VOTE OF TRUSTEES.

#45 \$10- (4)	#47 \$12- (4)	#49 \$10- (4)				#50 \$10- (4)	#48 \$12- (4)	#46 \$10- (4)
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#43 \$10- (4)	#23 \$10- (4)	#24 \$10 (4)	#44 \$10-
#41 ELLIS	#21 \$ PASTOR	#22 \$14-	#42 \$12-
#39 \$14-	#19 \$20	#20 \$20-	#40 \$14-
#37 \$18-	#17 \$22-	#18 M. SMITH	#38 \$18-
#35 MOWRY	#15 \$22-	#16 \$22-	#36 \$20-
#33 \$20-	#13 \$22-	#14 \$22-	#34 \$20-
#31 \$18-	#11 \$20-	#12 \$20-	#32 \$18- PENNY
#29 \$14-	#9 \$18-	#10 \$18- GUNNISON	#30 \$14-
#27 \$10	#7 \$16-	#8 \$16-	#28 \$10-
#25 \$6-	#5 E. SMITH	#6 \$10-	#26 \$6-
	#3 \$6-	#4 \$6-	

Methodist Church, South Walpole
Sale of Pews 1866 (1866-67)

Mrs. Briggs	3	
-open-	4	
W. R. Goldsmith	5	
E. Pratt	6	
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Mrs. Langley	8	
Wm. Gunnison	9	
Thomas Campbell	10	
Warren Shepard	11	
C. F. Dixon	12	
S. MacDonald	13	
H. E. Billings	14	
Jerimiah Boyden	15	
Thurston Macomber	16	
J. E. Pond	17	
M. Smith	18	reserved
E. G. Boyden	19	
Silas Smith	20	
C. S. Ellis	21	
K. Welmouth	22	
Mrs. L. Gilmore	24	
L. Cook	27	
A. Page	28	
A. Brown	29	
H. Stratton	30	
L. Luce	31	
T. Poole	32	
P. Boyden	33	
C. Morse	34	
J. B. Mowry	35	
Harriet Smith	36	
Warren Boyden	37	
Willard Nottage	38	
Nelson Hall	39	
H. W. Gillmore	40	
Boyden & Reeves	41	
J. E. Grant	43	
W. G. Hallyburton	42	
Lydia Snow	44	
G. E. Douthy (Doughty?)	46	
E. Smith	47	reserved
Bishop	48	reserved
G. B. Willard	7	

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE SOUTH WALPOLE METHODIST

CHURCH
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CIRCUIT PREACHERS

1818 BENJAMIN HARRIS
1818 E. STREETER and ISAAC JENNISON
1819 ISAAC BONNEY and CHARLES BAKER
1820 THOMAS W. TUCKER, HEZEKIAH THATCHER, & ALPHAEUS HAYDEN
1821 JOHN W. HARDY, ELEAZER STEELE, & JOEL MCKEE
1822 N.R. OSBORNE & EPHRAIM K. AVERY
1823 HERMAN PERRY and AARON LOOMIS
1824 HEZEKIAH THATCHER and NEWELL SPAULDING
1825 EBENEZER BLAKE AND DANIEL FLETCHER
1826 BENJAMIN F. LOMBARD and WILLIAM BARSTOW
1827 ROBERT GOULD
1828 AMOS BINNEY and FRANCIS DANE
1829 FRANCIS DANE and DAVID CULVER
1830 JOHN F. BLANCHARD and FRANCIS DANE
1831 ABRAHAM HOLWAY
1832 LEWIS BATES and PHILIP W. NICHOLS
1833 WILLIAM R. STONE

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

1834-35 NATHAN PAINE
1836 WILLIAM R. STONE
1837 FRANCIS DANE
1838 SAMUEL PALMER
1839-40 REUBEN BOWEN
1841 L.W. WOODS
1842 PHILIP CRANDON

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MINISTERS OF SOUTH WALPOLE METHODIST CHURCH

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CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

1843	JOEL STEELE
1844	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON
1845-46	D.L. WINSLOW
1847	J. AUGUSTUS ADAMS
1848-49	JOHN T. PETTEE
1850-51	EDWARD A. MANNING
1852	HOWARD C. DUNHAM
1853-54	THOMAS H. MUDGE
1855	J. AUGUSTUS ADAMS
1856	JOHN S. DAY
1857-58	EDWARD S. BEST - <i>Died about 1925 - aged 103 years</i>
1859-60	WILLIAM MERRILL
1861-62	NATHAN SOULE
1863-64	GEORGE WHITAKER
1865	JOSEPH C. CROMACK
1866-67	THOMAS MARCEY
1868	N.H. MARTIN
1869-70	J.A.DEFORREST
1871-73	GILBERT R. BENT
1874	SAMUEL H. NOON
1875-76	A.C.GODFREY <i>(Alfred) fought in Civil War - Buried in Terrace Hill Co., S.W.</i>
1877-79	R.H.HOWARD
1880-81	GILBERT R. BENT
1882-83	OSMON W. ADAMS
1884-86	F.H. SMILEY
1887-88	LUTHER FREEMAN
1889-91	W.H.DOCKHAM
1892	I.A.MESLER
1893	W.J. KELLEY
1894	N.H. MARTIN

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MINISTERS OF SOUTH WALPOLE METHODIST CHURCH

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CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

1895-96	SAMUEL H. NOON
1897-98	JULIUS P. WEST
1899-1900	L.J. BIRNEY
1901	CHARLES W. WILDER
1902	RALPH T. FLEWELLING
1903	D.H. MANLEY
1904-05	WILLIAM WIGNALL
1906	F.C. NELSON
1907-08	FRANCIS W. BRETT
1909-10	PAUL SMITH
1911	H.E. LEACH
1912	E.L. BELLOWS
1913-15	R.E. SCULLY
1916-Aug. 1917--	JOHN D. CLINTON
Aug. 1917-- Sept. 1919 --	GUY VAUGHN SHEDD
Sept. 1919 -	RALPH W. STODY
1920-21	G.B. CALLENDER
1922	JOHN ASHLEY
1923-Oct. 24-	P.E. BINGHAM
Oct. 1924-25-	G.R. WOLVERTON
1926-1927	G.T. OBORN
1928-29	P.M. HAMMOND
1930	W.F. KOONSEN
1931-33	VERNON C. CUTRIGHT
1934-36	H.J. FRAME
1937- Sept. 38 --	K.E. McDANIEL
Sept. 1938	JOHN MASON

South Walpole Methodist Ministers cont'd

- 1829 Francis Dane
 1829 David Culver
 1830 Francis Dane - Erected 1st church @ 32 Water Street
 1830 John F. Blanchard
 1831 Abraham Holway
 1832 Lewis Bates
 1832 Philip W. Nichols
 1833 William R. Stone

SOUTH WALPOLE BECOMES A STATION - CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

- 1834-35 Nathan Paine - Died Sept. 9, 1863
 1836 William R. Stone - 30th year of Norfolk & Bristol Turnpike Corp.
 'Washington St. toll road, near defunct.
 1837 Francis Dane - SEE LIST OF 1834 MINISTERS
 1838 Samuel Palmer
 1839/40 Reuben Bowen - DIED A FEW YEARS AFTER LEAVING
 1841 L.W. Woods - died in So. Walpole, May 2, 1842 of TB
 1842 Philip Crandon
 1843 Joel Steele - DIED NEAR 1860
 1844 William R. Richardson
 1845/6 D.L. Winslow - New church built in 1846; cost \$3700.00
 1847 J. Augustus Adams - (also later in 1855)
 1848/9 John T. Fettee
 1850/1 Edward A. Manning - 940^{1/2} bell purchased from Geo. H. Holbrook
 in East Medway for \$235.12. \$400.00 still
 owed on new church.
 1852 Howard C. Dunham
 1853/4 Thomas H. Mudge - Died suddenly July 24, 1862.
 1855 J. Augustus Adams - (also in 1847); died of TB 8/28/1860 in Cal.
 1856 John S. Day
 1857/8 Edward S. Best - { DIED ABOUT 1915 @ 103 YRS. OF AGE
 Parsonage built on site of 1st church on
 (Water Street. Cost \$1800.00

NOTE. TWO LOCAL MEN JOINED THE MINISTRY AND ENTERED THE TRAVELLING MINISTRY.
 ① LUMAN BOYDEN IN 1836 RECOMMENDED BY CHART. CONF.
 ② WILLARD SMITH " 1839

South Walpole Methodist Ministers cont'd

- 1859/60 William Merrill
- 1861/2 Nathan Soule
- 1863/4 George Whitaker- Feb. 1864 incorporated, Provisions of the
General Statutes of our Commonwealth.
- 1865 Joseph C. Cromack
- 1866/7 Thomas Marcey
- 1868 N.H. Martin -- see also 1894
- 1869/70 J.A. DeForrest
- 1871-73 Gilbert R. Bent - also 1880-81
- 1874 Samuel H. Noon - see also 1895-96
- 1875/6 A.C. Godfrey { ALFRED C. GODFREY
SOLDIER IN CIVIL WAR. BURIED IN TERRACE HILL.
- 1877-79 R.H. Howard
- 1880/81 Gilbert R. Bent - also 1871-73 HIS SON DR. GILBERT W.W. BENT
- 1882/3 Osman W. Adams
- 1884-86 F.H. smiley - Nov. 8, 1886 two pulpit chairs purchased in
Boston for \$25.00 each. Delivered by Old Colony RR for 25¢
- 1887/8 Luther Freeman - Walpole tax rate \$13.40/000 valuation
- 1889-91 W.H. Dockham - Chandelier added to church auditorium
- 1892 I.A. Mesler
- 1893 W. J. Kelley
- 1894 N.H. Martin see also 1868
- 1895/6 Samuel H. Noon see also 1874
- 1897/8 Julius P. West
- 1899-1900 L.J. Birney - July - committee formed to welcome 20th cent
- 1901 Charles W. Wilder
- 1902 Ralph T. Flewelling
- 1903 D.H. Manley

South Walpole Methodist Ministers cont'd

- 1904/5 William Wignall - 1904 Look for Harmonious join with Walpole
- 1906 F.C. Nelson - 1906 ten members voted that church consider uniting with Walpole.
- 1907/8 Francis W. Brett - see also 1950-58. Gave Pulpit Bible to church in 1909.
- 1909/10 Paul Smith - church wired for electricity in 1910
- 1911 H.E. Leach (HENRY E.)
- 1912 E.L. Bellows (EDWARD L.) (BELLEWS IN TOWN RECORD)
- 1913/15 R.E. Scully - Community House added (RICHARD E.)
- 1916/17 John D. Clinton
- 1917-19 Guy VAUGHAN Shedd
- 1919 Ralph W. Stooddy
- 1920/21 G.B. Callender (GEORGE B.)
- 1922 John Ashley
- 1923/4 P.E. Bingham (P.C.)
- 1924/5 G.R. Wolverton (GEORGE R.)
- 1926/7 G.T. Oborn (GEORGE T.)
- 1928/9 P.M. Hammond - (P. Malcolm Hammond)
- 1930 W.F. Koonsen (WILLIAM F.)
- 1931-33 Vernon C. Cutright - good barber too!
- 1934-36 H.J. Frame (HERBERT J.)
- 1937/8 Kenneth E. McDaniel
- 1938-4(?) 7) John Mason
- 1949 Dr. James Wagner
- 1950-58 Francis W. Brett - see also 1907-1908
Clifton Kruse
John Lilly
Henry Grayson
Derek Brown
Richard Esslinger
- 1970-71 Carrol Moore

The 1970 United Methodist Church in South Walpole was known in 1837 as : THE WALPOLE & FOXBOROUGH METHODIST SOCIETY .

Since then it has been known as:

- Methodist Episcopal Church
- Methodist Church 1878
- Perhaps other names.

In 1845 there were 56 members as follows:

(* before name means they were also on the 1846 roll, the year the present church was built)

- | | |
|--|--|
| * Caroline Smith | * Warren Smith |
| * Louisa Smith | * Sybil Smith |
| * Louisa Smith, 2nd | * Elvira Fisher |
| * Metcalf Smith <i>DIED JAN. 1857</i> | * Reubin Clapp |
| * Elizabeth Smith | * Roxanna Clapp |
| * Mary Sumner | * Caroline Clapp |
| * Hesia Sumner | * Betsy White |
| * Hannah Stratten | * George N. White |
| * Susan Bishop | * Derana White |
| * Caleb S. Ellis | * Elizabeth Roop? (?Roos, Roof) |
| * Albert Ellis <i>DIED MAY 30, 1850 SOYER MEMBER</i> | * Albert Cutter |
| * Ephraim Leonard <i>DIED OCT. 10, 1850</i> | * James W. Gifford |
| * Caroline Caswell | * Harriet J. Gifford |
| Lydia Belknap | * Edward Barrows |
| * Mary Plympton | * Polly Barrows |
| * Lucretia Hewins | * Lucy Ann Barrows |
| * Nathaniel Alley | * Angenette Barrows |
| * Jerusha Alley | * Joseph Stearns |
| * John Alley | * Charles Hawkins |
| * Rosalinda Alley | * Mary Hawkins |
| * Ann Buffington | * Cynthia Randal |
| * Anna Buffington | * Aaron Ellis |
| * Elanor Buffington | Eheline Richardson |
| * Noah Buffington <i>DIED MAY 5, 1853-54?</i> | * Emeline Holmes |
| * Esther Stearns <i>DIED MAY 20, 1846</i> | * Joseph Carol <i>DIED AUG 7, 1850</i> |
| * Harriet Gifford | Albert Gay |
| * Saphronia Gifford | * Almira Gay |
| * Eliza Mayer | * Elizabeth Mayer |

Steeple Bell for New South Walpole
Methodist Church (July 31, 1846)

Donors to Purchase 940lb Bell in Medway, Geo. H. Holbrook Co.

Reuben Clapp	Sainbridge Mowry
Metcalf Smith	Boyden & Mann
Jerimiah Boyden	James H. Gifford
Silas Smith	Ellis Bacon
Josiah Hall, Jr.	James Ellis
Caleb S. Ellis	B. L. Boyden
Albert Ellis	Nathan R. Shaw
Warren Smith	Albert & G. Boyden
Aaron Ellis	David Hall
Truman Clarke	Rufus White
Joseph Mann	John Grant
Jason Boyden	Aldrich Wells
Joseph L. Stearns	C. & E. Smith
Phineas Boyden	Daniel Tiffany
John L. Adams	Maynard Page
James Fuller	Simeon Burr
Sarah Pratt	Joseph Carroll died Aug. 7, 1850
? N. B. Wetmouth	
William Bacon Jr.	
Charles Hawkins	

\$255.00 Donated by above list

\$237.50 Required and paid for bell Dec. 27, 1850
and Yoke and Wheel.

South Walpole Methodist Church notes from records

First Year of new church building
Members in 1846

Nilson Hall
 Myra Hall - Nilson's wife
 Josiah Hall
 Elanor Hall- Josiah's wife
 Josiah Hall, jr
 Lewis A. Hall
 Jeremiah Boyden *Went To CALIFORNIA MAR. 1851*
 Laura P. Boyden- Jeremiah's wife
 Albert G. Boyden
 Cynthia Boyden - sis Hawkin's sister
 Lucinda Boyden - (1 mile. Warren's wife)
 Susan' Boyden - (3 mile in Foxboro)
 Sally Boyden -(Lewis Boyden's wife)
 Silas Smith ~~---DIED~~
 Sabra Smith - Silas's wife - she was Sabra Boyden until 1842
 Metcalf Smith
 Louisa Smith - Metcalf's wife
 Louisa Smith, 2nd - (feeble 3rd red house)
 Polly C. Smith - not to meeting in 2 years - Sharon
 Elizabeth Smith - " " " " " "
 Adriana Smith - 3 miles " " " " "
 Harriet Smith - Lila's daughter
 Caroline Smith " "
 Mary Sumner - Foxboro - 1 mile beyond Susan Boyden
 Hannah Stratton - Foxboro - 3 mile on Wrentham road
 Hezia Sumner. - not in the place
 Susan Bishop
 Caleb Ellis
 Albert Ellis
 Aaron Ellis
 Ephraim ~~Ellis~~ Leonard - 4 miles beyond Walpole center
 Caroline Caswell - Foxboro center
 Mary Plympton - removed by letter
 Lucretia Hewins - Cracked Rock - Sanford area No. Foxboro
 Nathaniel Alley - removed by letter 1846
 Jerusha Alley - do do
 John Alley - 7 miles near Franklin
 Rosalind Alley - deceased 1846
 Ann Buffington
 Anna Buffington - live 7 miles - near Holliston
 Elanor Buffington
 Noah Buffington
 Elvira Fisher - not in the place
 Reubin Clapp - note: later left the church \$1000.00 - 1856
 Rosana Clapp - his wife
 Caroline Clapp
 Betsy White - deceased March 1847
 George N. White - 6 mile - North part of Walpole
 Derana White - wife
 Elizabeth Roos - removed by letter
 Albert Cutter - took letter to Providence, R.I. - Oct. 11, 1854

1846 Members of So. Walpole Methodist Church

Edward Barrows
 Polly Barrows - wife
 Lucy Ann Barrows - dismissed
 Angenette T. Barrows - daughter
 Charles Hawkins
 Mary Hawkins - she may have been "Sis Boyden"
 Cynthia Randal - dismissed
 Emeline Holmes - Polly C. Smith's daughter- Stoughton
 Joseph Carol
 Eliza mayer
 Elizabeth Mayer - 4 miles by Walpole Center
 Almira Gay - on trial - 45 in full
 Joseph Stearns - Rec. in full March 1846
 Esther Stearns - do do. Deceased March 20, 1847 in great peace.
 James H. Gifford - do do
 Saphronia Gifford - wife - received in full March 1846
 Warren Smith
 Sybil Smith
 Thomas Campbell - Sept. 1, 1845 by letter
 Eden Campbell - " " Wrentham Paper Mill
 George Campbell - " " removed
 Abby A. Waterhouse- " " removed
 Meliscent Hawks - - " " removed
 Abigail C. Winslow- " " removed
 Esther M. Pettee - (Oct. 19, 1845 by letter - Foxboro Center)
 Ursula Huff - (" " on trial. Dropped)
 Emily Mowry - - (" " " " In full Dec. 6, 1846)
 Lydia W. Belknap - (March 1846 by letter)
 Sally Boyden - (" " on trial) (Silas Boyden's wife)
 Caroline Gilmore - do do
 Caroline Morse-rec'd as member on trial by letter June 1846;
 " in full and dismissed by letter October 1846
 Isaiah Aldrich - July 5, 1846 by letter. Removed April 1847 to Newton
 Nancy E. Aldrich - do do
 Jude H. Adams - do do - removed by letter Dec. 1846
 Rebecca M. Adams -do do do do
 Betsy Maria Billings- do do do " " Sharon
 Bainbridge Mowry - (Dec. 1846 by letter)
 Abigail A. Cole - " " " Sharon

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Members of So. Walpole Methodist Church 1847

It appears there was no complete list of members for 1847.
Additions only- as follows:

Persis Billings - received on trial Jan. 28, 1847

Caroline S. Reed - Foxboro

Jonathan C. More-(note: could be misspelled MOORE) removed by letter
Oct. 3, 1847

Mary Ann Stone - May 30th by letter - removed

Mary Bates - " " "

Virtue Mowry - January 10, by letter 1848. So. WALPOLE

1891

South Walpole Methodist-Episcopal Church

Donors to purchase (2) new Estey organs

(note: this list good for names of people active in 1890 era.)

W. N. Dockham

Miss Collier

Emma A. Dockham

Miss Mary Mowry

S. . Clapp

Mrs. Cromwell

E. P. Boyden

Mrs. L. C? Hamilton

Amy L. Boyden

Stephen Congdon

M. T. Look

Mrs. J. H? Brewster

Linda Boyden

C. F. Brewster

W. W. Shepard

Mrs. Dixon

E. C. Boyden

R. H. Shipper

Lizzie R. Smith

h?
Blance Beuce

M. L. (?T.) Bushnell

R. G. Leighton

Etta E. Bacon

Mrs. Ella Boyden

L. D. Cushman

Miss Emily Boyden

H. L. Boyden

Robert Tiffany

George Wright

Miss Maude Mowry

William Gunnison

Frank Kingman

Charles Mann

J. C. Swift

Mrs. Perkins

Amanda Plimpton

Mrs. Patton

Mrs. Hewins

Maude Patton

Grace Patton

South Welpole Methodist Church
July 1902

Donors for Steeple Clock Repair and Gilding of Faces:

John A. Way — EMERY MILL Supt.

Myrtie Patton

A. Duplisse

Mrs. Ellen Congdon

Walter Hartshorn

Hattie Sears

August Blomquist

Edward A. Boyden

Harry A. Whiting — INSURANCE - TOWN TREAS.

Mrs. Dora Young

Mrs. Charles Boyden

Mrs. Wells Condon

Mrs. Fred Mowry

Harry Guild — FARMER - STREET RAILWAY MOTORMAN

G. J. Wright

George Buker — FARMER

Mrs. Charles Murphy — BOARDING HOUSE PROP.

South Walpole Methodist-Episcopal Church

1910-1912 Home Department

(Good List to see who was active in 1910-12 era.

Names	Notes	Joined Date
Mrs. Hettie Willis		Apr. 1910
Miss Edith Agnew	cancelled	
Mrs. E. G. Abramson	withdrawn	
Mrs. Frank Adell	Washington St.	Nov. 13, 1910
Mrs. Jesse Boyden		Feb. 12, 1910
Mrs. Charles Boyden		
Mrs. Aggie Bishop	moved away Water St.	Oct. 12, 1910
Mrs. Mabel Bishop	removed by death 1911 July 20,	
Mr. Gilbert Bishop	moved away Water St.	
Mrs. John B. Benson	moved away	
Miss Jessie Barley	Foxboro joined Sunday School (teacher)	Mar. 19, 1910
Mrs. Minnie Boyden	withdrawn	Feb. 11, 1910
Elsie P. Borg	withdrawn	April 24, 1910
Mrs. Mary E. Boyden		Feb. 20, 1910
Mr. Steven M. Congdon	Beach St. No. Foxboro	Mar. 13, 1910
Mrs. Steven M. Congdon		
Mr. William A. Chism ?Chisolm	withdrawn Water St.	Mar. 13, 1910
Mrs. H. B. Chace	withdrawn	
Mrs. Robert Cameron (A.)	moved away	March 13, 1910
Mrs. Ellen Congdon	withdrawn moved So. Framingham	Mar. 20, 1910
Mrs. Wells Congdon	cancelled	June 5, 1910
Mrs. J. C. Collins		Nov. 17, 1912
Mrs. A. W. Duplisea	moved to E. Walpole	March 13, 1910
Mr. A. W. Duplisea	" " " "	
William Duplisea	moved to East Walpole	April 13, 1910
Lillian Ruby Duplisea	" " " "	April 22, 1910
Mrs. J. H. Durling	Summer St.	April 13, 1910

South Walpole Methodist-Episcopal Church
1910-1912 Home Department

Names	Notes	Joined Date
Miss Fossie E. Drohan	moved away	Oct. 4, 1910
Mrs. Josephine Fales	moved to Walpole	
Mr. Russell Fales	Oct. 18, 1910 Neponset St. moved to Walpole	
Mrs. Mary Freeman	withdrawn (moved to Cambridge)	Feb. 20, 1910
Mrs. Bessie L. Guild	Summer St.	April 19, 1910
Mrs. Fred W. Grant	withdrawn	March 13, 1910
Mrs. Addie S. Gammell	moved away Water St.	
Mrs. Charles Holberg		
Mrs. W. C. Hartshorn	removed by death 1910 June 18	
Mr. Frank R. Hunter	Foxboro moved to Mansfield	April 17, 1910
Mrs. C. W. Hamilton	joined Sunday School 1910	
Eva Hopper	moved	March 11, 1911
Mr. W. J. Jones		April 19, 1910
Mrs. W. J. Jones	removed by death 1911	
Mr. H. C. Jones	withdrawn	April 19, 1910
Mrs. H. C. Jones	withdrawn	April 17, 1910
Miss Madeline Keyhoe	So. Walpole	April 17, 1910
Mrs. Nellie C. Locke	Washington St.	April 13, 1910
Mrs. Leech		
Mrs. John McLernan (?McTernan)		March 19, 1910
Mr. John McLernan (?McTernan)		" " "
Mrs. Ada J. Mann		
Mrs. Marry Morrison		
Mrs. Eliza B. Mann		
L. G. Miller	South St. cancelled (Unitarian Ch.)	April 13, 1910
Mrs. Ida Niblock		
Mrs. H. E. Nottage	withdrawn dropt	April 13, 1910
Mr. Wm. Nottage (N.)	"	April 22, 1910

South Walpole Methodist-Episcopal Church

Names	Notes	Joined Date
Mrs. Ada F. Owens		March 19, 1910
Mrs. Robert W. Pembleton	withdrawn Water St.	
Mrs. Elizabeth Patton		
Miss Addie L. Plympton	removed by death 1911	
Mr. Robert Patterson		
Mr. Charles Short	Water St.	Feb. 11, 1910
Mrs. Flora T. Short	Water St.	Feb. 10, 1910
Mrs. George E. Seeger		Feb. 10, 1910
Mrs. Lizzie R. Smith	Foxboro, R.F.D.	Mar. 19, 1910
Mrs. Bertha Tiffany	(?could be Mrs. Tuck Tiffany)	Apr. 1910
Mrs. Alton Rowell		
Mrs. Elmer E. Woodward		Feb. 1910
Lillian M. Young		Apr. 1910
Mrs. Claudia Young		" "
Mrs. Florence Whiting		Feb. 10, 1910
Mrs. Adelia Williams	So. Walpole	Apr. 5, 1910
Mrs. A. A. Wheeler	withdrawn	Apr. 13, 1910
Mrs. W. F. Williams		" "
Mrs. Reuben J. Whitcomb		Oct. 1910
Mrs. Fred C. Young	withdrawn	Feb. 11, 1910
Mrs. Amelis Stacy		Mar. 1910
Mrs. Vivian Styron	So. Walpole	Apr. 7, 1910
Mrs. Grace M. Congdon	Beach St. No. Foxboro	Mar. 13, 1910
Mrs. Jessie Smith	Beach St. No. Foxboro	Apr. 13, 1910
Mr. Shaw		" "
Mr. Everett E. Smith		" "

South Walpole Methodist-Episcopal Church

Names

Notes

Joined Date

Mrs. Carrie E. Smith

Feb. 11, 1910

Mrs. Eliza Seeger

Oct. 1910

Mrs. Gertrude Smith

Feb. 1910

Mr. George W. Seeger

Mabel (?) Talbot

South Walspole Methodist Church
(Early Names) 1818-1844 (From the Beginning)

Members	Rec.on Trial	Rec.in Full	
John Smith	1829	1829	Died in peace, May 10, 1844.
Merab Smith (also spelled Merrab & Merobah)	1821	1821	Died Nov. 9, 1842.
Josiah Hall	--	--	Died May 10, 1844
Warren Smith	1821	1821	withdrew July 27, 1840
Sybil Smith	"	"	Expelled Sept. 23, 1839
Josiah Hall, Jr.	1821	1821	
Eleanor Hall	"	"	
Nelson Hall	"	"	withdrew July 27, 1840 -see other Nelson Hall, Mar. 1843
Myra Hall	--	by Letter 1823	
Willard Comey	--	--	withdrew Nov. 1, 1839 -lived in Foxboro
Celia Comey	1812	1813	removed without Letter
Ashbel Willard	1829	1830	Expelled Jan. 15, 1842, a physician
Cynthia Boyden	1834	1834	
Susan Boyden	May 18, 1821	Aug. 16, 1822	
Sabra Boyden	July 1, 1821	Aug. 16, 1822	married Silas Smith 1842 -died June 9, 1861.
Sarah Boyden	May 13, 1821	Aug. 16, 1822	died in the Faith, April 23, 1834
Charlotte Cheever	--	--	Wrentham
Mary Sumner	1823	1824	
Hannah Stratton	April 1832	1833	
Silas Smith	Time unknown	April 1834	married Sabra Boyden 1842
Lucinda Smith	" "	April 1834	died May 30, 1840
Millie Smith	1820	1820	married here April 15, 1838 to Martinicus Roderick -removed by Letter Dec. 1838
Sybil Bacon	1824	1829	
Tiffany Bishop	1831	1832	Expelled Nov. 3, 1839
Susan Bishop	1824	1832	withdrew Nov. 3, 1839

South Walpole Methodist Church
(Early Names) 1818-1844 (From the Beginning)

Members	Rec.on Trial	in Full	
Benjamin Abbott			recommended & removed Apr.10,18
Lorads Abbott		by Letter-1836	" " " "
Jerimiah Boyden	Apr. 1834	Nov. 1834	Sabbath Eve Class & Steward -married Laura P. Ellis
Anne Boyden	" "	" "	" " " "
Joseph E. Pond	Apr.15,1834	Nov. 1834	Class Leader - Steward & Exhorter to Dedham Nov. 1842
Willard Smith	Apr. 1834	Nov. 1834	admitted on trial to the New England Conference Apr.183
Amanda Smith	--	by Letter 1836	
Harriet Smith	May 1834	-- 1834	see other Caroline Smith Feb.2,1843
Caroline Smith	" "	" "	
Caleb S. Ellis	June 1834	Feb. 1835	So.Walpole Class Leader & Ste
Albert Ellis	Nov. 1834	1835	Class Leader,removed by Letter
Arville Berry	Dec. 1834	June 1835	Removed to Attleboro & died in -the Faith
Mary K. Randall		by Letter 1829	
Hesiah Dudley	Apr. 1834	Nov. 1834	married Lewis Sumner of Walpo Dec.3,1837.
Jesse Barden	Oct. 1824	1825	died in the Faith Dec.1,1834
Asenath Barden	" "	" "	removed by Letter married Nathaniel W. Allen
Jerusha Davenport	Dec.1834	June 1835	
Mary Ply,pton	Apr. 1835	Apr.30,1837	
Aaron Guild	Mar.1834	Sept. 1834	Local prescher-withdrew 1840
Hannah Guild	" "	" "	withdrew- withdrawn
Ephraim Leonard	--	by Letter 1821	
Caroline Caswell	--	by Letter 1834	removed to Sharon
Caroline S. Reed		by Letter 1831	
Harriet Leonard		by Letter 1835	married & removed to Quincy/ 1838
Polly Clapp	July 1829	1829	

South Walpole Methodist Church
(Early Names) 1818-1844 (From the Beginning)

Members	Rec.on Trial	In Full	
Polly C. Smith	----	by Letter 1835	connected in 1816, 11 child -died 1861, Dec.
Mary Smith	Sept. 6, 1820	1821	married Barnes Birnes, 18 Burnes of Boston, removed N
Emiline Smith	----	by Letter 1835	married Joseph Holmes
Sarah Smith	1827	1828	married George Bliss
Sophia Smith	Sept. 1834	Mar. 1835	married Gideon Wales
Fanny Smith	" "	" "	died Sept. 1850 in sleep.
Elizabeth Smith	Nov. 1834	May 1835	married Silas Gay
Adrianna Smith	" "	" "	married Obediah Brinkwell) ? Brinknoll)
Maynard Alden	Feb. 1836	Mar. 1837	
Deborah Nickerson		by Letter June 1836	removed Apr. 17, 1837 -by Letter
Nancy Caswell	1834	1834	removed without Letter - to Sharon
Friend White	----	by Letter 1836	Departed this life with Joy
Betsy White	-----	" " "	removed by Letter -died March 1847
Betsy Kingsley		by Letter 1837	recommended & removed
Lucretia Hewins	May 20, 1838	June 2, 1839	
Almira Smith	*June 5, ?	Oct. 25, 1839	removed May 22, 1842 * Year appears to be 1837/8.
(Belknap) Lydia Belnapp	*June 5, ?	" " " " " " " "	
Mills Rhoderick	) 1820	1820	-see other page, she was Milla/ Smith
Martinicus Rhoderick	) removed by Letter to Webster Dec. 1838	married Milla Smith in So. Wal. -April 15, 1838	
Esther Smith	(see another Esther Smith below)		died in Lord Oct. 1838
Susan Taylor		Rec. by Letter Jan. 1829	Withdrawn
George W. Appleton		Rec. by Letter May 1839	
James Boutels	May 1839		

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 South Walpole Methodist Church
 (Early Names) 1818-1844 (From the Beginning)

Members	Rec.on Trial	In Full
Elvira Fisher		by Letter May 1839
----- Richards	May 1839	
-----Bryant	" "	
John Alley	-----	by Letter 1839 of Franklin
Rosalinda Alley	-----	" " " " "
Nancy Brown		by Letter From Orthodox Congregational -Oct.1,1839 Church in Walpole.
Nathaniel W.Alley	Jan.4,1840	married Jerusha Davenport
George Halleburton	Mar.12,1840	removed by Letter
Susan Halleburton	Nov.27,1840	removed by Letter
Horatio W.Gillmore		rec.in Full withdrawn Aug.1842 Dec.2,1840
Carroline Gillmore		" " " "
Albert G.Boyden		"
Esther Smith	Sept.3,1841	(see earlier Esther Smith) -died March 1844
Lucinda Rhodes		" married Warren Boyden removed July 1843
Betsy White		" by Letter from Mansfield
Louisa Smith 1st.	Dec.12,1841	see also Louisa Smith 2nd.
Ephraim Leonard	-----	----- 1834
Emiline Holmes		by Letter 1835
Laure P. Ellis		by Letter married Jerimiah Boyden here- June 1839 June 1843 removed by Letter
Charlotte Cheever		
Ann Buffington		by Letter 1839
Anna Buffington		by Letter 1839
Elenor Buffington (Eleenor)		" 1839
Noah Buffington		" 1839
Reuben Clapp		May 1840

South Walpole Methodist Church
Names and Notes, from Record of 1847 -- by J. A. Adams

Members

Josiah Hall	1845	was on committee to pick style for new church
Nelson Hall)	
)	
Myra Hall)	
Josiah Hall Jr.)	
)	
Eleanor Hall)	
Jerimiah Boyden	)	1845 was on committee to pick style for new church
	)	-gone to Cal. March 1851, by letter.
Laura P. Boyden)	
Aaron Ellis	)	died Oct. 14, 1856.
)	
Caleb S. Ellis	)	one time Treas. of Trustees.
)	
Albert Ellis)	
)	
Metcalf Smith)	
)	
Louise Smith)	
Silas Smith)	
)	
Sabra Smith)	
Harriet Smith		
Caroline Smith		
Susan Bishop		
Albert Cutter		Took letter to Prov. R.I., Oct. 11, 1884.
Joseph Carrol		
Almira Gay		
Joseph S. Stearns		
Bainbridge Mowry)	
)	
Emily F. Mowry)	
Anginette Billings		
Hannah Stratton		
Abigail A. Cole		

South Walpole Methodist Church
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Members

Esther M. Pettee

Eliza Mayer

Elizabeth Mayer

Reuben Clapp)

died April 30, 1856-found dead, left Church \$1,000.00
-5 years to collect.

Roxanna Clapp)

died March 18, 1856.

Caroline Clapp (Morse)

Charles Hawkins)

Feb. 1, 1885 took Letter to Cumberland, R.I.

Mary Hawkins)

Edward Barrows)

Polly Barrows)

James H. Gifford)

Sophronis Gifford)

Albert G. Boyden

Took Letter to Salem June 1855.

Cynthia Boyden.

Lucinda A. Boyden

Sally Boyden

?Sally C.S. Boyden

Elizabeth M. Smith

(-took Letter to Wilbrhham Aug. 30, 1853

(-took Letter to N.Y. March 27, 1854.

(-took Letter to Charlottsville ? April 25, 1854.

Caroline Caswell

Caroline S. Reed

Susan Boyden

Polly C. Smith.

Elizabeth Smith (Gay) no info. on marriage.

Ephraim Leonard

died Oct. 10, 1850.

Thomas Campbell)

Eden Campbell)

Joseph Carrol

died Aug. 7, 1850

South Walpole Methodist Church
Names and Notes, fro, Record of 1847 -- by J. A. Adams

Members

George Campbell

George H? White)

Removed by Letter April 9, 1850

Deroxa White)

Virtus Mowry

Mary Bates

Harriet Palmer

Louise Smith 2nd.

Marietta R. Pettae removed by Letter April 23, 1849

Lucretia Hewins

Betsy Maria Billings (Macumber) rec'd. in full April 1, 1849
took Letter to New Bedford Jan. 7, 1855.

Mary Plympton (Billings) married April 1856 by Rev. J.A. Adams

Wm. H. Gunnison

Mary L. Gunnison

Warren Smith)

on Trial June 7, 1845

Sybil Smith)

" " " " "

Caroline Gilmore

~~Betsy Billings~~

Mary Waterhouse rec. April 1, 1849

Persis Billings on trial Jan. 1, 1847 rec. in full April 1, 1849.

Nancy S. Clark April 2, 1848

Elizabeth Miller " " "

Ellen Boyden April 2, 1848

Rebecca E. Small April 22, 1848 married G. Brown July 16, 1848

Timothy N. Rice Nov. 28, 1848

~~Mary Wait~~

End 1-1848

South Walpole Methodist Church

Marriages 1856-57-58

- 1--Oct. 11, 1856 by Rev. John S. Day
Mr. Oliver C. Pettee of Foxborough
& Miss. Charlotte W. Baldwin of Foxborough
- 2--Sept. 1857 by Rev. E. S. Best
Mr. W. B. Hanscome
& Miss M. P. Farnham
- 3--May 1858 by Rev. E. S. Best
Mr. Warren Babbitt
& Miss Celia Campbell
- 4--April 20, 1858 by Rev. E. S. Best
Mr. Alonzo F. Eddy
& Miss Almira F. Belcher
- 5--Dec. 5, 1858 by Rev. E. S. Best
Mr. George Abbe of Foxborough
& Miss Emily M. Bacon of Foxborough

South Walpole Methodist Church

Begin 1849 & 1850 & 51--some repetition omitted unless notes.

Mary Wait (e) April 1, 1849 removed by cert. Apr. 23, 1849
Martha Jane Stevens Letter from Winthrop, Maine rec. in Full Jan. 1850
Lewis Bullard Dec. 1851
William H. Gunnison
Mary S. Gunnison
Mary Sumner died March 1852
Almira Gay took letter in San Francisco March 1854
Caroline Caswell widow
Caroline S. Reed (Stone) letter to Cambridgeport Oct. 25, 1854
Robert Stitt removed by letter
Joann C. Stitt " " "
Edna A. Menning
Susan Salisbury
Mrs. Wm. Amelia Hartshorn
Jerusha Gunnison died in peace, Sept. 20, 1861
Sarah E. Brown
Amanda Pettee
Louise L. Bosworth removed by letter
Candace Bosworth
George Simmons
Augusta Simmons died in Christ, April 16, 1860
Miranda Lowe by letter Feb. 6, 1853
Jesse Lee Wilson by letter March 20, 1853, Local PR,
took letter to Anson Maine Sept. 11, 1853.
B. L. G. Mudge from Spencer removed by letter
Susan B. Milliken from E. Boston, probation-1851; Cosmopolite
in Phil May 1856.

South Welpole Methodist Church

First Parsonage Built 1857
on site of First Church - Water St.

Donations of \$475.00 Received From the Following:

M. Smith	\$150.00	J. Boyden	\$50.00
S. Smith	100.00	C. S. Ellis	50.00
A. Ellis	100.00	P. Ellis	25.00

Labor and Expenditures

L. Bonney	Building House	\$1459.24
S. Smith	For Land	150.00
H. Billings	For Stonework	5.25
J. Ryan	For Stonework	9.00
B. L. Boyden	Labor and Team (no charge)	7.50
J. Morse	Labor	3.00
A. Ellis	Labor	4.38
A. Ellis	Pump-pipe-boiler-sink, etc.	31.00
H. C. Fuller	Stork-Labor in Cellar and Outphouse	11.00
J. Boyden	Labor-Paint-Stone, etc.	48.02
T. George	Lumber for Out-buildings.	19.13
C. S. Ellis	Labor and Stone	25.00

Some other small bills not yet in

C. S. Ellis Treas.

\$1772.52

South Walpole Methodist Church

List of Church Members 1859

E. S. Best pastor -died aged 103 yrs, about 1925

Official Members

Silas Smith)	
Metcalf Smith)	
Caleb S. Ellis	)	Stewards
Thomas Campbell)	
Edson C. Boyden)	

Albert Ellis)	
Caleb S. Ellis)	
Silas Mith	)	Trustees
Metcalf Smith)	
Thomas Campbell)	

Caleb S. Ellis Class Leader

Members in Full Connection

(M-married; S-Single; W-widow; Wr-widower)

Laura Boyden (M)	Thomas Campbell (M)
Lucinda Boyden (M)	Eden Campbell (M)
Sally C.S. Boyden (M)	George Campbell (M)
Cynthia Boyden (S) died Sept. 1886	Jane Campbell (S)
Susan Boyden (S)	Caroline Carroll (W)
Ellen F. Boyden (S) died 1883	Nancy S. Clark (W)
Edson C. Boyden (S)	George C. Dorothy (M)
Lizzie C. Best (M) took letter	Matilda Dorothy died April 1859
Mary P. Billings (M)	Caleb S. Ellis (S)
Persis Billings (M)	Lucy E. French (M)
Jonathan Billings died 1860	William H. Gunnison (M)
Betsy Billings	Mary S. Gunnison (M)
Susan Bishop	Jerusha Gunnison (W) died 1861
Elizabeth Gay (M)	Silas Smith (M) died 1886, a 97 yrs.
N. B. Cerside (M)	Sabra Smith (M)
Elenor Hall (M)	Metcalf Smith (M)
Nelson Hall (M) died Sept. 14, 1880	Louisa Smith (M)
Myra Hall (M)	Polly C. Smith (M)
Amelia Hartshorn (M)	George Simmonds
Susan Hartshorn (S)	Augusta Simmonds died Apr. 1860
Sophronia Hardy (S)	Nathaniel Winslow (M)
Miranda Lowe (M)	Susan Winslow (M)
Virtue Mowry (M)	Henry A. Merrill
Eliza Mayer (M)	Annie Bates took letter, Oct. 1861
Caroline Morse (M)	
Sophia S. Morse (M)	
Eli Pratt (M)	
Roxanna Pratt (M)	

South Walpole Methodist Church
Members - 1861

William Merrill - Pastor

Official Members:

Silas Smith)
Metcalf Smith)
Caleb S. Ellis) Stewards
Thomas Campbell)
Edson C. Boyden)
Eli Pratt)

Albert Ellis)
Caleb S. Ellis) Trustees
Silas M. Smith)
Thomas Campbell)

Caleb S. Ellis Class Leader

Members in Full

Laura P. Boyden (M)	Amelia Hartshorn (M)
Sally C.S. Boyden (M)	Susan Halyburton (M)
Tiffany Bishop (M)	Ellen M. Halyburton (S)
Susan Bishop (M)	Eliza Hartson (Hartshorn) (S)
H. Augusta C. Bishop (S)	Sarah A. Hartshorn (M)
Persis Billings (M)	Saphronie Hardy (S) 1861
Betsy Billings (W)	Harriet N. Hayden -by letter Oct. 13, 1861
Lucinda A. Boyden (M)	Amanda Lovell (M)
Cynthia Boyden (S)	Miranda Lowe (M)
Susan Boyden (S)	Thomas B. Lowe
Ellen F. Boyden (S)	Virtue Mowry (M)
Edson C. Boyden (S)	Eliza Mayer (M)
Mary P. Billings (M)	Caroline Morse (M)
Annie Bates (S) took letter Oct. 1861	Sophia S. Morse (W)
Thomas Campbell (M)	Elsie A. Merrill (M)
Eden Campbell (M)	Caroline A. Merrill (S) letter fr. Warren, N.H.
George Campbell (M)	Henry A. Merrill (S)
Jane N. Campbell (S)	Eli Pratt (M)
Caroline Carroll (W)	Roxanne Pratt (M)
Nancy S. Clark (W)	Silas Smith (M) d. 1886, 97 yrs. old
George E. Dorothy (Wr)	Sabra Smith (M) died June 9, 1861
Diadanna Davis (S)	Metcalf Smith (M) d. Jan. 1887
Caleb Ellis (S)	Louisa Smith (M)
Lucy E. French (M)	Polly C. Smith (M)
William H. Gunnison (M)	Caroline Smith (S)
Mary S. Gunnison (M)	George Simmonds (M)
Jerusha Gunnison (W) died Sept. 1861	Augusta Simmonds (M) d. Apr. 16, 1860
Ann Eliza Gunnison (M)	Nathaniel Winslow (M)
Elizabeth Gay (M)	Susan Winslow (M)
Ner. B. Garside (M)	---
Eleanor Hall (M)	
Nelson Hall (M)	
Myra Hall (M)	
Caroline Hall (S)	

South Walpole Methodist Church
(Early Names) 1818-1844 (From the Beginning)

Members	Rec.on Trial	in Full	
Isanna Clapp	1st name may be Roxanna	May 1840	
Sally Boyden		1840	
Louisa Mary Alley		1840	
Maria Jones			removed by Letter
Eliza F. Bowen			removed by Letter
Salmon W. Smith		Oct.22,1840	removed by Letter
Eliza Smith		"	removed by Letter
Samra P. Ellis			married J.Boyden Nov.24, 1842 by Rev.Philip Crandon
Nancy M. Fales		1841	removed 1843 Oct.23
Hannah R.W.Woods		1841	
Lydia Cook		Feb.25,1842	
Heziah (Hezia) Sumner		1834	
Elvira Fisher		1839?	
Aaron Ellis	1840		
George N. White	Aug.7,1842	Dec.4,1842	
Deraxa White	1842	Mar. 5, 1843	
Elizabeth Roos	Sept. 1841	May 7, 1843	
Louise Smith 2nd.	Feb. 1842	Nov. 2, 1843	
Caroline Clapp	April 1840	May 7, 1843	
Jane Carigan		Oct. 1839	married Jan.1,1843 William Jackson, to Lynn 18
Oliver P. Farrington	Nov.18,1842	May 7, 1843	removed by Letter Sept.20, 1843
Edwin Brackett	Nov.18,1842	Discontinued	to Lynn Feb.27,1843
Mary B. Brackett	"	"	to Lynn Mar.10,1843
Bert Cutter	"	Nov. 2, 1843	
John Brown	Dec. 1, 1842	Oct. 1843	removed Oct.25,1843
James H. Gifford	Jan. 1, 1843		

South Walpole Methodist Church

(Early Names)

1818-1844

(From the Beginning)

Members	Rec. on Trial	Rec. in Full	
Edward Barrows	Jan. 1, 1843	Feb. 1844	
Polly Barrows	" "	" "	
Lucy Ann Barrows	" "		
Angenette Barrows	" "		
William Jackson	Jan. 19, 1843	removed	to Lynn April 1843
Joseph Sturns (?Stearns)	Feb. 2, 1843		withdrawn Oct. 17, 1851 res. Walpole
NOTE**Joseph O. Stearns--soldier of Civil War, Buried in Terrace Hill Cem. S.W.			
Metcalf Smith	Feb. ⁵ 18 , 1843	Nov. 2, 1843	residence in Walpole
Lewis A. Hall	" "	" "	Walpole
Charles Hawkins	Feb. 19, 1843	Jan. 6, 1844	"
Mary Hawkins	" "	" "	"
Elizabeth M. Smith	" "		Foxborough
Almira Smith	" "		Walpole discontinued Jan. 5, 1844
Caroline Smith	" "		Walpole discontinued May 1843
Eliza Ann Smith	" "		Walpole discontinued ?
Nelson Hall	March 9, 1843	Jan. 6, 1844	see other Nelson Hall 1821 Foxborough
Cynthia Randall	May 4, 1843	Nov. 2, 1843	Foxborough
Mary A. Steele	Nov. 2, 1843		
Sarah M. Steele	" "		
?Abigail Steele	----	----	
Hiram Artherton	----	----	removed April 1844
?Almira Artherton			" " "

South Walpole Methodist Church
Members - 1859

Probationers:

John Wiggin
Lewis Morse
Sarah J. Boyden
Martha C. Boyden
Frances A. Boyden
Mary Lizzie Boyden
Elbridge P. Boyden
Sarah Hartshorn
Ann Elizabeth Gunnison
Diadenna Davis
Caroline A. Merrill
Thomas B. Lowe
Mary Jane Page
Ass Page
Caroline H. Hall
Melissa M. Nickerson
Ellen M. Halliburton
Tifney Bishop (Tiffany)
Harriet Augusta C. (for Clark) Bishop
J. Edmond Shepardson
Jane E. Shepardson
Zilpha (Allen) Winn

Methodist Church, of South Walpole, Mass.
Sale of Pews for year April 1864-April 1865.

Purchaser	Pew #	Appraisal	Choice
Trustees	1		
Trustees	2		
Pratt	3	4.00	060
Thomas Campbell	4	4.00	000
L. Cooke	5	6.00	2.00
C. Fales	6	6.00	2.25
J. L. Boyden	7	7.50	2.00
T. Macomber	8	7.50	2.50
Wm. H. Gunnison	9	9.00	3.50
T. Campbell	10	9.00	18.00
W. Shepard	11	10.50	4.00
C. Dixon	12	10.50	16.00
Crosby (Crosley?)	13	11.50	4.00
T. Macomber	14	11.50	7.00
Luce	15	11.50	4.50
T. Macomber	16	11.50	16.00
J. E. Pond	17	11.50	died Aug. 1886 26.00
M. Smith	18	Reserved 11.50	--
J. Ellis	19	11.50	5.00
S. Smith	20	11.50	20.00
K? Welmouth	21	10.50	3.50
J. Boyden	22	10.50	12.00
Pastor	23	Reserved 9.00	---
W. Hallyburton	24	9.00	1.00
H. Pond	25	4.00	000
J. Boyden	26	4.00	000
Battersby	27	6.00	1.00
N. Lowe	28	6.00	2.00
E. Miller	29	7.50	3.00
Bacon Family	30	Reserved 7.50	---
S. MacDonald	31	9.00	3.50
Nottage	32	9.00	6.00
P. Boyden	33	10.50	8.00
C. Morse	34	Reserved 10.50	---
B. Mowry	35	10.50	10.00
Nottage	36	10.50	3.50
J. Mann & W. Boyden	37	10.00	4.00
H. Stratton	38	10.00	5.00
N. Hall	39	10.00	3.50
A. Page	40	10.00	5.00
C. S. Ellis	41	10.00	10.00
C. Morse	42	10.00	3.50
Mrs. C. Boyden	43	9.00	2.00
L. Tiffany	44	9.00	000
H. Boyden	45	9.00	000
A. Clifford	46	9.00	000
D. & E. Smith	47	Reserved 10.50	---
Bishop	48	Reserved 10.50	---
J. Tiffany	49	9.00	
Poole	50	9.00	1.00

Methodist Church, in South Walpole
Sale of Pews for April 1865-66

Henry Boyden	#3	
Lucius Cook	4	
F. Reaves & F. L. Boyden	5	
Julia A. Boyden	6	
Wm. H. Gunnison	7	
Lydia Snow	8	
Kingsley Wilmouth	9	
Thomas Campbell	10	
J. E. Pond, Jr.	11	
C. F. Dixon	12	
H. F. Billings	13	
Harriet Smith	14	
Leonard Luce	15	
Thurston Macomber	16	
J. E. Pond	17	
T. B. Lowe	19	
S. Smith	20	
E. S. Ellis	21	
Jerimiah Boyden	22	
William Halliburton	24	
W. R. Goldsmith	25	
Jerimiah Boyden	26	
Alfred Clifford	27	
Nottage & Bacon	28	
Thomas Poole	29	
S. MacDonald	31	
Bacon Family	30	
H. T. Rice	32	
Phineas Boyden	33	
C. Mann	34	reserved
G. H. Pond	35	
Nancy Clark	36	
J. B. Mowry	37	
H. Stratton	38	
Nelson Hall	39	
H. W. Gillmon (Gillmore?)	40	
Warren Shepard	41	
H. L. Boyden	42	
J. Mann & W. Boyden	43	
S. S. Morse	44	
George Fuller	45	
Harvey E. Fales	46	
John E. Grant	49	
--open--	47	
--open--	48	
Lewis Tiffany	50	
M. Smith	18	reserved



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History of the South Walpole Methodist Church.

COMPOSED BY REV. JOHN MASON 1945

The records of the first years of our Church have apparently long since disappeared but the essentials of those records have been preserved in an Historical sermon preached by Rev. George Whitaker September 25, 1846 on the 18th anniversary of the dedication of ~~the~~ our present Church. From that sermon we have have gleaned the facts here recorded concerning the early years of Methodism in South Walpole.

In the fall of 1818 Rev. Benjamin Harris a local preacher from Vermont came to South Walpole to transact some business with Mr. Eliphalet Smith. Being detained longer than he expected he suggested that a preaching service be held on Sunday in Mr. Smith's house. His suggestion was adopted and those who attended the service were so pleased with it that they asked Mr. Harris to continue preaching services on following Sundays.

When it was learned that Mr. Harris was a Methodist considerable coolness ~~was~~ developed ^{and} some opposition was aroused. The meetings continued however and at one of them Jacob Smith ~~a~~ ~~man apparently of some standing and substance in the town~~ was deeply moved and soundly converted and from that time his heart and his substance were consecrated to God. and he became the chief adviser and helper of Brother Harris. His home was often the temporary home of the later itinerant preachers.

His wife Polly C. Smith while caring for a numerous family found time to share with him in the Lord's work. The record tells us she took her children to Church when they were two months old and to their honor be it said they never made disturbance. They must have been a different type than some of the present day.

The Sunday meetings were so interesting and helpful that

Jacob Smith suggested that week night prayer meetings be held and later that they have Class meetings also. The preacher Brother Harris objected saying the people will be frightened away from the services but Brother Smith said no matter if it must be so the sooner the better. Both these week night services were ~~so~~ successful, so many attending the Class meeting that two Classes were formed Brother Harris in charge of one and Brother Smith the other. However there were evidently some people even in those days who watched the clock for nine o'clock the closing time for Brother Smith was heard to say more than once " I thank ^{nine o'clock} God there will be no ~~SIXTYEIGHT~~ in heaven".

The success attending these meetings was so great that ~~stren~~ strong opposition developed. The Methodist were said to have more zeal than knowledge and the Pastor was likened to a horse who having no food in his own pasture jumped into another pasture hoping to find some. and the speedy downfall of of the new sect was freely predicted. The little group seemed to thrive on opposition, ^{however} greater numbers attending the services.

Official recognition of this new work was given by the Methodist denomination in April 181⁹ when Rev. Isaac Jennison then in charge of the Mansfield Circuit formally organized the first Class thus making So .Walpole a part of the Mansfield Circuit. And this interesting note is added. This was done at a meeting in the " Old Polly Tavern". That tavern is the present home of Mrs. Carrie Hamilton. This was really the formal beginning of our Church.

This Class consisted of seven members- Polly C. Smith, Mary Smith, Polly Page, Merab Smith, Esther Smith and Brother and sister Harris. Brother Jacob Smith while unceasing in his labors for the Churchh

for the Church for some unknown reason never ~~joined it~~. became a member of it.

Twelve people had been converted and desired to be baptised by the Pastor Brother Harris but since he was only a local preacher he could not perform that ~~service~~ service. After considerable effort especially on the part of Brother Smith. Brother Harris was ordained a local deacon at the Annual Conference in 1819. This gave him authority to baptise people. and the twelve were baptised and received into the Church.

In 1820 So. Walpole became a regular preaching appointment of the Mansfield Circuit. It appears that Brother Harris never became a Circuit preacher in this Conference. He lived here and continued to labor here as preacher for two more years and then moved to Rhode Island.

Preaching services held in the home of Mr. ^{Eliphalet} ~~Eliphalet~~ Smith were after a time changed to an unoccupied house on the site *where stood the* of the residence of Harvey Boyden in 1864 and then to Brother Harriss's house on the site in 1864 of William Gunnison's house. In 1820 they were held in the home of Josiah Hall and in 1822 they were held alternate Sabbaths in the home of Brother Hall and Brother Warren Smith's on Beach St Foxboro and so continued until the erection of the first Church. in 1830. So for the first twelve years of our history services were held in the homes of the people usually in unfinished rooms. However the Lord greatly blessed those meetings and sometimes they continued for two or three days. Here is the record of one such prolonged meeting. that indicated both the zeal of the people and the ~~hospitality~~ hospitality of their hosts. At the home of Brother Warren Smith after a precious meeting in the evening which continued to a late hour Sister Smith showed the ladies to their room saying This is your room and you can

pray all night if you wish. Then she showed the gentlemen to their ~~and-said-you~~ room and said this is your room and you can pray all all night if you wish. And whoever has not enough room here can find plenty in the barn and you can pray there all night if you wish. Some grains of that kind of fervor would not be out of place today. Here is a further notation. Subsequent prosperity has never obliterated or diminished the many precious memories of those good old meetings.

After So. Walpole became a part of the Mansfield Circuit which by the way covered an area forty miles long and thirty miles wide including over twenty towns, it was served by circuit preachers once in four weeks on a week day afternoon. In 1822 the circuit preachers came once in two weeks and in 1824 ~~regular~~ regular Sunday preaching services were held. Two and sometimes three preachers travelled this extensive circuit, horse back or horse and buggy or on foot.

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An unusual thing for that day was an out door meeting. One held in a grove near Warren Smith's house. ~~Those who disliked the Methodists--said~~
People came from as far away as Boston. Those who disliked Methodists said that at this meeting twenty preachers were present and they were all preaching at the same time and all the Methodists were shouting ~~at-the-same-time~~. together. One woman living near by said she could not catch her horse in the pasture ~~because the~~ because the noisy fellows made such a disturbance. Honesty compelled them to say that no marked beneficial results came from these meetings but they certainly aroused some opposition. Efforts were made by certain elements to break them up. Once a man was paid ~~two~~ twenty five cents to attend one of them and try to distrust it by

gobbling like a turkey. At another time a large gang of rowdies some of them from the best families in Walpole and one was the Town Clerk, came prepared to disrupt the service but to quote " Satan often oversteps himself and frustrates his own designs with for the rowdy gang stung by remorse and shame left the people of God to their pious worship.

The first regularly appointed Class leader was Nathan Hall in 1822. Others were appointed and served a year or two until 1839 when Caleb S. Ellis was appointed and served until 1863 a period of 24 years. Mr. Ellis was also a Steward- and a Trustee and sometimes janitor. His whole heart and life was wrapped up in the Church. There are still some like him in our days

The first steward was Josiah Hall Jr. continuing in office for thirty years. Right here we may say there are now with us two Trustees who have served our Church twenty five years Walter S. Mann and Reuben J. Whitcomb. And there are three others who for length of service should be honored serving our Church in their present offices for twenty five years- Mrs. Mabel Mann as Treasurer Mrs. B.E. Webb as organist and Mr. Bruce A. Crocker as Superintendent of our Church School.

The first Church was erected in 1830 during the pastorate of Rev. Francis Dane. It was built on land given by Silas Smith where the present parsonage now stands. Father John Smith Silas Smith's father gave the standing timber and on an appointed day the men gathered to cut it. The first tree was cut down by the minister Francis Dane and Silas Smith and by night enough timber had been cut for the building of the Church. The money derived from the sale of the pews covered all expenses. We are told it was a proud day for the people when the Church

was dedicated to the worship of God the sermon being preached by Rev. Lewis Bates.

However sixteen years after its erection ~~a new Church was~~
a new Church was needed to meet the growing needs of the community.

Jeremiah Boyden and Albert Ellis were appointed a committee to
raise the money and in a month they had \$ 1850. ~~The present lot was~~
About half of the lot was later sold for the benefit of the Church
purchased from James R. Fuller for \$ 500 and Josiah Hall Jr. and

Jeremiah Boyden were appointed a committee to draw up a plan for the
the Church which they did. The plan called for a Church 52 ft. by
36 ft with a steeple of suitable size height and on September 24
1846 during the pastorate of Rev. D. C. Winslow our present Church
was dedicated to the worship of God, the sermon being delivered by

Rev. Charles Adams D.D. of Boston. You will notice that just one
today

hundred years ago our Church was dedicated.

1847 the vestry was completed the
During the winter of 1847 the vestry was completed the

entire cost of Church and vestry being \$ 3700. \$ 3375 was paid leaving a debt of \$ 325. Great credit was given the Ladies Aid Society in preparing and adorning and helping in the its building. That same organization under its new name the Womens Society of Christian Worship Service deserves high praise for continuing in similar good works. It may surprise some to know that during this present pastorate from Jan 1939 to Jan 1946 our Womens Society has raised \$ 5533. What would this Church or any Church do without these efficient Womens Societies.

The first Church Built in 1830 was moved to land formerly
Owned by Mr. Harry Whiting and is still there with some changes made
in its exterior. On the site of the first Church the parsonage was
built in 1857 during the pastorate of Rev. E. S. Best. Brother Best
passed on about twenty years ago at the ripe age of 103. The
entire cost of the land which had been returned to Silas Smith the

when the first Church ceased to be used and then bought from him was \$ 1800. If we could only build houses for that today. In this same year on the death of Reuben Clapp it was found he had left the Church a legacy of \$ 1000 and this with subscriptions was used to meet the cost of the parsonage.

Here are some interesting items concerning those early years. For practical purposes a sexton is as necessary for a Church as a minister. In the first years sexton service was given by Joseph Pond and Jason Boyden for \$ 5⁶ per year furnishing wood and oil and causing the Church to be thoroughly cleaned each year.

In the new Church Mr. H.W. Gilmore for \$ 26 annually perform the sextons duties calling the people to worship by the ringing of the bell. The bell still rings forth the same call. One year Lewis Bullard acted as sexton for the use of his pew. Brother Wiggins took it for a year at \$8.50. And another year Charles D. Bacon took it for \$ 27.50. For several years free service was given by devoted laymen.

early
Plainness of dress characterised the Methodists. We will say nothing on that subject concerning present day Methodists. But in those days the wearing of gold and costly apparel was tabooed. One member of the early Church went to a love feast with some fatal bows attached to her bonnet and was refused admission. She substituted her pocket handkerchief for her bonnet and so gained admission. Modern ladies please take notice that a kerchief is not a new style of head dress.

The salaries of ministers still follow the pattern of early days in that they are still small though it must be admitted there has been considerable improvement with room for more. Rev. W.R. Stone pastor in 1833-34 received for his year of labor the magnificent sum of \$140.13. So Walpole paid \$ 103.36 and Mansfield

the balance. However Brother Stone said he found it ~~sufficient~~ more than enough for his expenses, house rent included and he then had a family of five.

Nothing more is said about salaries until 1864 near the end of the Civil War when living expenses were high a condition that war always seems to bring to pass. In that year the Official Board was induced- mark you-induced to raise the salary of the Pastor to \$ 600 a year and house rent.. The money needed to meet the current expenses of the Church was raised through subscription and by extraordinary efforts of various kinds such as levees festivals collections etc.

The various benevolent causes received attention especially missions. The largest sum raised for missions was in 1839- \$ 70 .The arrival of Rev. Jason Lee with a converted Indian contributed greatly toward raising that amount.

records
No accurate ~~reports~~ of membership were kept till 1847 but there is a record of 12 members in 1822, 23 in 1830, 60 in 1840, 80 in 1846, 61 in 1850, 49 in 1860 and 97 in 1865 the high water mark of those early years.

Our Sunday School was permanently organized August 10 1831 and thanks to Brother Crocker our greatly beloved Superintendent and a corp of loyal teachers is still doing effective work. In 1865 our School numbered 20 Officers and teachers and 135 scholars.

Slavery and intemperance were much in evidence in our country and as early as 1839 the Quarterly Conference passed ~~strong~~ resolutions strongly condemning both these evils the members pledging themselves to do all in thier power to extirpate ^{ate} them. These resolutions were sent to Zion's Herald our Church paper for publication. ~~Slavery is gone~~ but we still have a real battle to

fight with that monster evil of intemperance.

Revivals were held under several pastorates but the great revival of those early days came in 1834³ during when Rev. W.R. Stone was Pastor. It began in a prayer meeting called especially to pray for a revival. This meeting was held in the Old Polly Tavern where Brother Stone lived. The record says that five females were present beside Brother Stone and his family. Other meetings followed the interest growing and in connection with the Quarterly Conference a four day meeting was held that was prolonged into a forty day meeting. Through this revival the membership of the little Church was doubled with good results good results coming to other Churches through the conversion of some of their people.

During this revival two young men, Luman Boyden and Willard Smith were converted and later entered the Methodist ministry. Both these preachers are buried in Terrace Hill Cemetery.

Five men were licensed as local preachers, Luman Boyden Willard Smith, Joseph E. Pond, Abbott Ellis and Oliver Farrington. The Quarterly Conference renewed the licenses of Aaron Guild Jesse L. Wilson and William Richardson. Eight local preachers in a Church as small as this one was at that time was quite a record. There are very few if any churches in our Conference today that has as many licensed local preachers.

-In-1842 At the earnest solicitation of the brethren in Dedham and on the recommendation of Luman Boyden then preaching in Dorchester with which Dedham was connected Joseph E. Pond in 1842 became pastor of the Dedham Church preaching there with much acceptability and success. Under his ministry many souls were converted and a house of worship built. so this Church has made a valuable contribution to the town of Dedham.

In 1848 a Class meeting was started in Foxboro but continued only a short time. However in 1856 when Joseph E. Pond returned

from Dedham an ordained minister having been appointed there the Class meeting in Foxboro was resumed. Under his leadership the Class increased in numbers so much that it was decided to form a Methodist Society there. A hall was rented and a preacher from our Conference assigned to work there. But when business in Foxboro failed the means to continue our work was cut off and after five years of effort ~~ceased~~ the Church in Foxboro was discontinued.

Here is a striking testimony ~~that was~~ to the value of this Church in our Community. ~~It is~~ We quote-" For a long period now the morals of our Community have been in striking contrast to *the period* before our Church was established here. What they might have been had it not been for the earnest Christian efforts here put forth it is impossible to describe. And this holds true for any Christian Church anywhere.

When the Civil War broke out thirty four members and adherents of this Church volunteered for service. There names are in the records Three of them made the supreme sacrifice.

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For World War number 2-69 men are ~~listed-on-our-jener~~ and one woman are listed on our Honor Roll, 51 of them connected with our Church. two of that number have made the supreme sacrifice.

Now we come to a period of scanty records-and in a number of cases the ministers have left no, written record of their work. Of course there is the record written in the hearts and lives of those to whom they ministered-and such records will never be effaced but there is little historical material in them for a paper like this.

When Rev. O.W. Adams came here in 1882 he evidently could not find just as we could not find any records of Church activities from 1865 to 1882 and we find him urging future Pastors to record in the Church Record an account of their activities. But you know ministers are a peculiar people and many of them even after his written exhortation paid no attention to it leaving the story of their work unrecorded. Brother Adams tells us that in his day many of the members of the Church were aged and infirm a number of them between 70 and 95 years of age while others lived far from the Church and the working force was small. He also adds there was no public business to call in people or to retain those here.

A similar situation exists here today so there is little ~~chance~~ opportunity for growth but still there is real need for the maintenance of the Church because of the moral and spiritual benefits it brings to those who are here. If and when new business comes and new homes are built then the Church, well equipped will be ready to carry on successfully an enlarged ministry.

Rev. Luther Freeman came here as Pastor in 1836. He gave heed to the exhortation of Brother Adams and left a report of his three years ministry. He tells us he tried the method of two preaching services on Sunday with good results following. During his administration the auditorium was thoroughly renovated being repainted frescoed and carpeted at an expense of \$-665 and now to quote ~~him here he says that~~ ~~we have a very~~ ~~tasty~~ ~~neat~~ ~~little~~ we have a very tasty neat little Church. He makes special mention of the fact that Daniel H. Clapp and his wife Mrs.

Clapp joined the Church. Both were godly people and a real help financially. Brother Clapp doubled all net receipts thus giving a handsome sum. A successor to Brother Clapp would be most welcome in any Church today.. Later on Brother Clapp gave the Church \$1000 the income to be used for the Pastors salary.. That fund of \$ 1000 has long since disappeared. Mrs. Carrie Hamilton told me that Mr. Clapp advised the Trustees to invest it the Lombard Investment Co. a Company developing some waste land as they were paying good dividends. The Trustees naturally followed his advice and like some other investments people make the money disappeared. A clear hint that trust funds should be most carefully invested not with a view to the largest dividends but to the safest.

Between 1888 and 1912 we have another hiatus. There is no record of Church activities. In this period came the pastorates of W.J.Kelly J.P.West, Francis Brett the first two now retired and the latter still active. In this period came the pastorates of L. J.Birney, now-deceased who later was elected a Bishop of our Church and Ralph T. Flewelling, Professor of Philosophy in University of Southern California.

When Brother Bellows was Pastor the Trustees made some improvements in the parsonage, a bath room being equipped and a new roof put on the funds needed ^{and were through-ee;} being raised through solicitation by and through a lawn party carried to a successful end through the generous efforts of Mrs. Carrie Ross and Mrs. Alice Congdon.

In 1913- 1916 Rev. R.E.Scully was Pastor. In his administration the Community was built but there is nothing in the Church records

about it. From other sources we learned that ^{Mrs. Mabel Mearns Mrs. Evans} the cost was ~~the cost was~~ ^{due to first church of costs from foundation and its total cost was about \$2500}

During Rev. Guy Vaughn Shedd's pastorate a new financial plan of proportionate giving was adopted the weekly pledges being greatl

increased. Electric lights were installed in the Parsonage and the dining room and living room papered and a new kitchen range ~~previ-~~ installed ~~being~~ and in parentheses ^e the words "slightly used" for parsonages have sometimes been good places for second hand furniture to find a resting place. Repairs were made on the Church and it was rededicated at a total cost of \$ 1439. The One hundredth Anniversary of the beginning of the Church in 1818 was fittingly observed.

We have to thank Rev. G.R. Wolverton ~~for the fine organ-~~ and those associated with him for the fine organ they purchased at a cost of \$ 1988;²⁵ .

In the administration of Rev. G.E. Oborn 1926 an addition ^{of two} ~~new~~ rooms was made to the Community House costing \$450 plus some gifts of material and labor. When Bro. Oborn left here he took up educational work and when World War broke out he was appointed Chaplain in the armed forces on the basis of his service as Pastor here. A framed certificate to that effect is in the auditori

The cement steps in front of the Church were put in while in 1928 Rev. P.M. Hammond was pastor and the lovely curtain on the stage was bought costing over \$100.

Rev. W.F. Koonsen was Pastor in 1930 and the One Hundredth anniversary of the dedication of the first Church was observed and a service was held in the old Church. The doors of the old Church are of interest, the upper panel of each door forming a perfect cross an example of old time architecture.

In this same year 1930 we find a vote of thanks was given by the Official Board to Mr. George A. Milliken for work done on the Church clock. He is still busy tinkering with it and we owe him a whole volume of thanks not only for work on the clock for his constant ~~thought-and-w~~ care of and work on our properties. Financial difficulties troubled many several administrations a not unusual thing for Churches. Rev. V.C. Outright relieved the ~~situati-~~ situation in his day by suggesting a cut of twenty five per cent

in all salaries. That must have spelled some hardship in the Parsonage at least.

Rev.

When H.J. Frame was Pastor two new record books were bought, one for recording Church memberships and one for Baptisms and ~~and~~ Weddings and a corrected membership list was transferred to the new book.

Evidently some pleasantries were not uncommon. Here is what we assume to be one. Mr. Harry Whiting Chairman of the Pulpit Supply Committee reported that Committee was functioning one hundred percent and suggested that the Pastor pay penalty by singing several solos in the future at the morning service because of his criticism of said committee.

Finances were again giving trouble when Rev. K.E. McDaniels became Pastor in 1937. Large numbers of local bills were discussed and plans made to raise money to meet them. One plan was A Water Carnival still often talked about. It evidently proved to be not only an hilarious affair but also financially profitable. However it is well known to every minister and should be known to all laymen that when a minister needs to give much of his time to finances he does not have time for other necessary week Church work.

The present Pastor having retired in 1937 found himself after a year and a half of rest not so tired as he thought he was so on the request of this Church he was appointed by the ~~Supt~~ Superintendent of the Boston District as supply Pastor in September 1938. He found the Church ~~and~~-property sadly in need of repairs and the people somewhat discouraged largely because of the financial troubles and there was some talk of closing the Church. That would have been a calamity. However there were--- some hopeful souls and their hopefulness became contagious and with a fine spirit of cooperation we have gone forward to whatever

success has attended our united efforts.

needed During the first year or two pollyana work was and in addition attention centered on seeking new members .Thirty

Thirty eight new members were received and attendance at morning service more than double. The third year and each year since our prospective membership list has been limited because of no growth in our community and not a new home built. However through the years we have received seventy one into Church membership. This is about three fourths of the total membership when this pastorate began.

Concerning repairs and improvements. We have just finished raising over \$1000 ^{for} improvement of the grounds about the Church House and some repairs on the Community with others still to be done.

Last year there was considerable painting and papering hanging in the Parsonage ~~including~~ including the installing of a new gas and oil stove in the kitchen. Please notice -NEW- not slightly used.

A mortgage of ~~1440~~ \$ 1440 which had been reduced through the year to \$ 885 when this pastorate began was paid and the mortgage burned amid rejoicing June 24, 1945.

~~Last Fall~~

Last Fall we resumed an earlier effort that was partially interrupted by the War namely Sunday night services once a month with good results. We expect to resume then the last Sunday night in October.

Our denomination put on a campaign called Crusade for Christ last year seeking to raise twenty five million dollars for work among war sufferers across the seas and here at home. We were asked to raise \$ 575 and we went over the top to \$ 600. Many other exceeded their quotas by far larger sums the final result ~~for~~ being a total fund of twenty seven million

In May 1939 the men of our Church had an attack of spring fever. That usually comes to ladies only when the regime of the home is upset. While attending a roast beef supper - think of it a nice tender juicy roast beef prepared and served by the men with no help from the ladies one of the men having surfeited himself by looking down until his plate was cleared of food, looked up and saw that some of the ceiling plaster had fallen and more threatened to fall and that upward look bore fruit as all sincere upward looks should and this mans head began to fill up with thought as full as his stomach was with food and after a time his fullness of thought expressed itself in words and Mr. J. J. Easton said out loud that he would give all the ply wood for a new ceiling if the men would take down the remainder of the old ceiling and put up the new. That was something for J. J. but occasionally he has a spell like that. The Trustees snapped at that as a hungry trout snaps at the bait and after some nights of dusty work the old broken unsightly plaster ceiling was down and the new one in place leaving uncovered the hand hewed beams the fathers placed there One Hundred years ago. We owe Mr. Easton a whole volume of thanks for that gift for it really started something. Again and again we heard "I wish something could be done for our auditorium. The Church kitchen along side of the vestry was unsightly and poorly equipped but shortly that was transformed and is now equipped with three gas ranges a gas heating table a large coffee and wall closets for dishes and silver and needed utensils. Then we heard again and again "I wish something could be done for our auditorium".

And then in answer to that wish which had no doubt much prayer behind it the Pastor received a phone call on Jan 1

1941 asking him to call at the home of Mrs. Francis Bird and when he came away he was walking on air for he had in his pocket a check for five hundred dollars given by ~~Miss-Ann~~ Miss Ann C. Bird to be used for fixing the auditorium of the Church. We needed just such a generous gift to give us a fresh start on further greatly needed improvements if people who are blessed with large resources only knew the thrill that ministers and people receive from such gifts I think telephones might ring more often. Night or day summer or winter seedtime or harvest this minister stands ready to respond at once to any such calls for there still remains much that could be done.

That generous gift of \$500 grew as our dream of needed improvements grew until it became \$3200 and now we have a fine oil heater for the Church replacing the old smoky ~~unsightly~~ ~~unsightly-furnace~~ an eye sore and a headache, an improved ~~lighting~~ ^{pews in the} lighting system in the vestry, two toilets, and the auditorium painted and all the wood work, including the ceiling, the floor covered with linoleum squares, carpet down the aisle artistically stippled walls, the floor covered with linoleum squares carpet down the aisles and on the platform and ^{also} on the platform a reading desk and pulpit, thus transforming the auditorium into a real sanctuary where the spirit of worship comes on those who enter it.

The reopening of the Church after repairs occurred October 19, 1941. Dr. L. O. Hartman then Editor of Zion's Herald preaching the sermon in the morning and Rev. William Gunter Superintendent of the Boston District in the evening. The total cost of all repairs and improvements during the present pastorate has been *\$5300* and the money was always in hand before the work was done.

Like most of the Pastors who have preceded us the visible results of the work done have been the repairs and improvements on Church and parsonage. However alongside of these necessary work there was always going on in every pastorate repairs in human lives and character- a record found only in the hearts of people who by God's grace have been enriched and transformed.

For 100 years now this Church has stood here in this lovely New England square with its finger pointing upward, calling the attention of countless numbers of people, to God and heaven and high and holy living. May it stand another 100 years fulfilling with ever increasing power its exalted ministry to all who come within its range.

As we launch ^{out} ~~forth~~ tonight on the second 100 years let us go forth not with the thought of hoary age but in the youthful spirit of this hymn

Lead on O King Eternal

The day of march has come

Henceforth in fields of conquest

Thy tents shall be our home.

Thro' days of preparation

Thy grace has made us strong

And now O King Eternal

We lift our battle song.

Lead on O King Eternal

We follow not with fears

For gladness breaks like morning

Where'er thy face appears

Thy cross is lifted o'er us

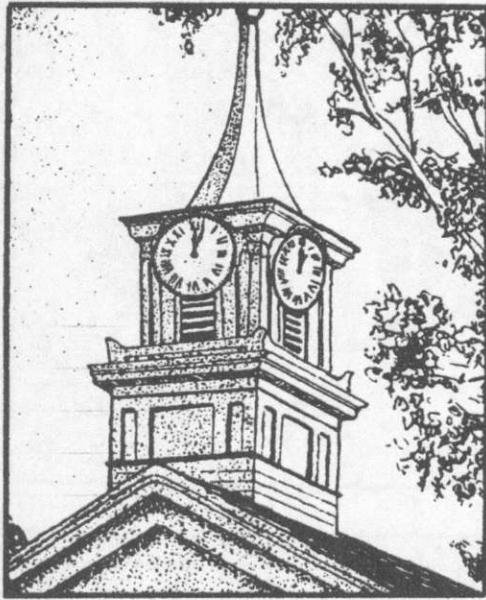
We journey in its might

~~We journey in its light~~

The crown awaits the conquest

Lead on, O God of might.

THANKS!



**Our Leaning
Steeple Has
Recovered**

Through the generous contributions of many people, our steeple repair project has been successfully completed. Our grateful thanks to all who helped.

A dedication service will be held on the church grounds Sunday, November 23rd at 11:00 A.M.

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Everyone is invited.

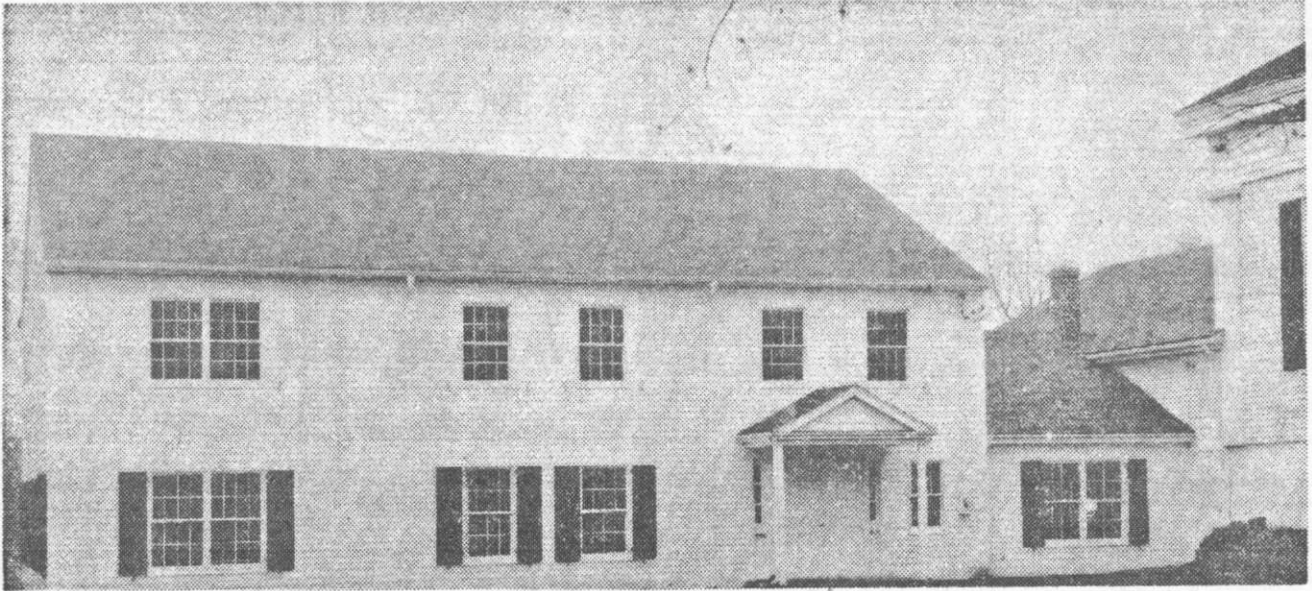
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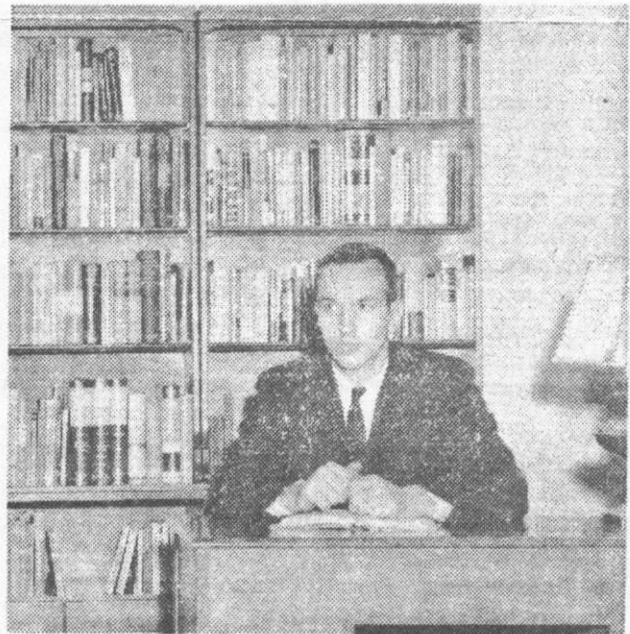


METHODIST CHURCH WING in South Walpole, dedicated Sunday, cost \$60,000. Parishioners have pledged three fourths of the amount, the remainder to come from the district

Methodist Church headquarters. It includes 11 classrooms and a nursery.



DISCUSS OPENING — The new educational wing at Walpole Methodist Church is viewed by Walter E. Wold, left, chairman of the church building committee, and the Rev. Henry Grayson, pastor. Dedication services were held Sunday.



SEATED IN STUDY of new wing is the Rev. Henry T. Grayson, pastor of South Walpole Methodist Church. He personally undertakes teaching of several of the church instruction classes held in the building.